



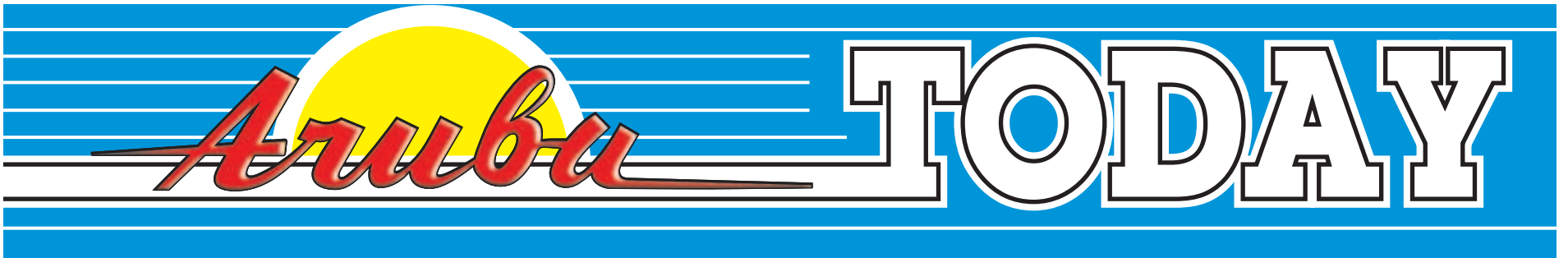
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# HONORING THE TROOPS



President Barack Obama gestures while speaking to troops at Bagram Air Field north of Kabul, Afghanistan, during an unannounced visit, on Sunday, May 25, 2014. (AP Photo/ Evan Vucci)

## Obama Makes Surprise Visit to Afghanistan

**JULIE PACE**  
**AP White House**  
**Correspondent**

**BAGRAM AIR FIELD, Afghanistan (AP)** — President Barack Obama slipped into Afghanistan for a surprise visit Sunday and made clear that the U.S. will likely maintain a limited role here even after its combat mission ends this year

and America's longest war comes to a close. "America's commitment to the people of Afghanistan will endure," he pledged. Speaking to troops gathered in an airplane hangar on this sprawling military base, Obama said the war had reached a pivotal point, with Afghan forces assuming primary respon-

sibility for their country's security. But while many of the 32,800 U.S. forces now in Afghanistan will leave in the coming months, Obama said a continued military presence could help protect gains made during nearly 13 years of fighting. After all the sacrifices we've made, we want to

preserve the gains that you have helped to win and we're going to make sure that Afghanistan can never again, ever, be used again to launch an attack against our country," Obama declared. At least 2,181 members of the U.S. military have died during the nearly 13-year Afghan war and thousands

more have been wounded. Obama told the troops, "For many of you, this will be your last tour in Afghanistan," a comment was met with an eruption of applause. "America's war in Afghanistan will come to a responsible end."

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## Ukraine:

# Pro-EU billionaire claims victory in presidential vote

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**KIEV, Ukraine** - With their country caught in a fierce tug-of-war between Russia

enko as president Sunday, turning to a pro-European billionaire to lead them out of six months of wrenching turmoil, including a con-

called by Parliament to replace Viktor Yanukovich, who fled Kiev on Feb. 21 after a failed but bloody attempt to suppress a civic

nexation of Crimea.

While the election allows Ukraine to open a new chapter in its history, and even President Vladimir Putin of Russia has indicated in recent days that he would accept the result, Poroshenko now faces the excruciatingly difficult task of trying to calm and reunite a country that has been on the edge of financial collapse, and on the verge of tilting into civil war. Among his chief tasks will be to ease tensions with Russia.

"Now we have a state of war," he said as he arrived at a polling station in Kiev to vote Sunday. "We need to establish peace."

Early exit poll results showed Poroshenko - a confections tycoon known as the Chocolate King, and a longtime veteran of Ukrainian politics - with a wide lead over his strongest rival, the former prime minister Yulia V. Tymoshenko.

He appeared poised to easily clear the simple-majority threshold needed to avoid a potentially divisive runoff.

Poroshenko declared victory at an evening news

conference at an arts center, where he appeared with the former champion boxer Vitali Klitschko, a leader of the street protests that deposed Yanukovich. Klitschko was elected Sunday as mayor of Kiev, the capital.

The arts complex was decked out for a victory party, including cases of Spanish and Italian wine.

"These were the hardest periods in Ukraine's history, and these elections determine the future of our country," Poroshenko said.

"I would like to thank the Ukrainian people who participated and showed record support, and visited all polling stations in these hard conditions."

Despite formidable obstacles in the east, where armed separatists largely prevented voting from taking place Sunday, and in Crimea, which Russia now claims, election officials reported robust turnout throughout the rest of the country.

International observers also predicted that the presidential vote would receive high marks in meeting standards of fairness. □



Ukrainian presidential candidate Petro Poroshenko, speaks to press at a polling station during the presidential election in Kiev, Ukraine, Sunday, May 25, 2014. Ukrainians elected Poroshenko as president Sunday, turning to a pro-European billionaire to lead them out of six months of wrenching turmoil, including a continuing separatist insurrection in the east.

(AP Photo/Sergei Chuzavkov)

and the West over a new security order, Ukrainians elected Petro O. Porosh-

enko as president Sunday, turning to a pro-European billionaire to lead them out of six months of wrenching turmoil, including a continuing separatist insurrection in the east.

The special election was

uprising, and whose toppling as president set off Russia's invasion and an-

# Israeli and Palestinian leaders to meet with Pope at Vatican

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**BETHLEHEM, West Bank** - Pope Francis waded into the stalled Israeli-Palestinian peace process upon arriving here Sunday, issuing an extraordinary invitation to President Mahmoud Abbas of the Palestinian Authority and President Shimon Peres of Israel to join him in his home in the Vatican for "a heartfelt prayer to God for the gift of peace."

The pope also gave the Palestinians an uncommon boost by openly endorsing "the State of Palestine." During his Regina Coeli address in Bethlehem's Manger Square to a crowd of thousands who had come to celebrate the papal Mass, he added, "All of us - especially those placed at the service of their respective peoples - have the duty

to become instruments and artisans of peace, especially by our prayers."

He referred to Bethlehem, the West Bank town where Jesus is said to have been born, as "the birthplace of the Prince of Peace."

Both sides welcomed the pope's invitation. Peres would attend, an Israeli source confirmed. Church and Palestinian officials said that the meeting would be largely symbolic. They also said that since Peres, a longtime advocate of peace, plays a mainly ceremonial role in the Israeli leadership as president, it would not involve political negotiations.

Francis had called earlier for intensified efforts for the creation of two states - Palestine alongside Israel - within internationally recognized borders. □



Pope Francis touches the wall that divides Israel from the West Bank, on his way to celebrate a mass in Manger Square next to the Church of the Nativity, believed by many to be the birthplace of Jesus Christ, in the West Bank town of Bethlehem, Sunday, May 25, 2014.

(AP Photo/Osservatore Romano)



# Obama makes surprise visit to Afghanistan

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The president appeared optimistic that the Afghan government soon would sign a bilateral security agreement allowing the U.S. to keep some forces in the country to train Afghans and launch counterterrorism operations. He has been considering keeping up to 10,000 troops in Afghanistan and said he would announce his decision shortly.

That announcement could come as early as Wednesday, when Obama delivers the commencement address at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York.

Obama arrived at Bagram Air Field, the main U.S. base in Afghanistan, under the cover of darkness for his first trip to the war zone since 2012. He spent about four hours at the base and did not go to Kabul, the capital, to meet with Hamid Karzai, the mercurial president who has had a tumultuous relationship with the White House.

Instead, officials said Obama wanted to keep the focus during his Memorial Day weekend visit on the troops serving in the war's closing months. Karzai's office said it had declined a U.S. Embassy invitation for him to go to Bagram to see Obama. The White House said Obama was not meeting with the outgoing Afghan president in order to avoid getting involved in Afghan politics. Instead, Obama called Karzai from Air Force One on his way back to the U.S. A senior administration official traveling with the president said the two leaders discussed the progress that has been made by Afghan security forces and its successful first round of elections. Obama told Karzai he would be in touch with him before announcing any decision on the U.S. troop presence in Afghanistan after 2014.

Obama's visit, his fourth to Afghanistan as president, came at a time of transition for a country long mired in

conflict. Most of the U.S. and international forces in Afghanistan are withdrawing ahead of the year-end deadline. Elections are underway to replace Karzai, the only president Afghanistan has known since the U.S.-led invasion in 2001.

Karzai stunned the White House by refusing to sign a bilateral security agreement needed to keep U.S. troops in Afghanistan after this year. His decision has delayed U.S. decision making on a post-2014 presence, leading Obama to ask the Pentagon to work up plans for a possible full withdrawal of American forces.

But with both candidates on the ballot in next month's Afghan presidential election runoff vowing to quickly sign the security agreement, Obama appeared more confident Sunday that there would be a continued U.S. troop presence after 2014.

After an overnight flight from Washington, Obama attended a briefing with U.S. officials. He said that as he entered the briefing room, he saw a poster of the Twin Towers destroyed in the 2001 terrorist attacks. "It's a reminder of why we're here," he said.

Obama was accompanied by a few advisers, including senior counselor John Podesta, whose son is serving in Afghanistan. Country singer Brad Paisley joined Obama on Air Force One and entertained the troops as they waited for the president.

As is typical of recent presidential trips to war zones, the White House did not announce Obama's visit in advance. Media traveling with Obama for the 13-hour flight had to agree to keep the trip secret until the president had arrived. After his remarks, Obama visited with injured service members being treated at a base hospital.

The president's visit took place against the backdrop of growing outrage in the United States over the treatment of America's war veterans. More than two dozen veterans' hos-



President Barack Obama greets American troops after vowing to shake every hand in the room at Bagram Airfield in Bagram, Afghanistan, May 25, 2014. Obama made the surprise trip on Sunday, outside of Kabul, for the first time since a visit in 2012 when he signed a strategic partnership agreement with the government there to bring the war to an end.

(Doug Mills/The New York Times)

pitals across America are under investigation over allegations of treatment delays and deaths, putting greater scrutiny on the Veterans Affairs Department. The agency already was struggling to keep up with the influx of forces returning home from Afghanistan and Iraq.

"We're going to stay strong by taking care of our wounded warriors and our veterans," Obama said to applause. "Because helping our wounded warriors and veterans heal isn't just a promise. It's a sacred obligation."

Obama has staked much of his foreign policy philoso-

phy on ending the two wars he inherited from his predecessor, George W. Bush.

The final American troops withdrew from Iraq in the closing days of 2011 after the U.S. and Iraq failed to reach a security agreement to keep a small American residual force in the country. □

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# US honors veterans over Memorial Day weekend

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**Associated Press**

**NEW YORK (AP)**—The U.S. Marine Corps' chaplain, speak-

ing Sunday to a congregation that has tied gold ribbons on the church's fence in honor of fallen soldiers since the

Iraq War began, lauded the sacrifice of veterans around the world as President Barack Obama made a surprise visit

to Afghanistan for Memorial Day. "What they have done has allowed us to be here," Rear Admiral Margaret Kibben told the roughly 200 worshippers at the Marble Collegiate Church in Manhattan, including active duty servicemen and women in town for the annual Fleet Week celebration.

Thousands of memorial ribbons are tied on the storied church's fence. There are gold ribbons for service members killed in Afghanistan, green ribbons representing prayers for peace and blue ribbons for the people of Afghanistan. Memorial Day, she said, was a time to remind ourselves of the meaning of sacrifice and to put personal struggles and difficulties in perspective.

Across the U.S., citizens were marking Memorial Day with somber ceremonies, flag planting at cemeteries, parades and even barbecues — an American pastime that Petty Officer 1st Class Brian McNeal said should be enjoyed this weekend.

"I'm in the service so that they can enjoy that," said McNeal, 39, who is stationed in Suffolk, Virginia, and is in town for

Fleet Week. "They made the sacrifice so everyday citizens don't have to worry about the evils of the world."

Obama arrived at Bagram Air Field in Afghanistan to speak with troops and visit soldiers being treated at a base hospital. At least 2,181 members of the U.S. military have died during the nearly 13-year Afghan war and thousands more have been wounded.

On Saturday, Democratic congresswoman Tammy Duckworth served as grand marshal of Chicago's Memorial Day Parade and struggled to hold back tears during a wreath-laying ceremony to honor fallen soldiers. She lost her legs and partial use of an arm when a rocket-propelled grenade hit the Black Hawk helicopter she was piloting in Iraq in 2004.

In Massachusetts, Boston Marathon survivor Jeff Bauman and his rescuer, Carlos Arredondo, helped plant tens of thousands of flags Saturday at a cemetery to honor soldiers. Obama directed all government agencies in the United States to fly their flags at half-staff Monday in observance of Memorial Day. □



Riders participate in the the annual Rolling Thunder 'Ride for Freedom' motorcycle rally in Washington, Sunday, May 25, 2014. (AP Photo/Molly Riley)

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Mikayla Kaczor, 4, helps place U.S. flags next to head stones at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in preparation of Memorial Day, Friday, May 23, 2014, in San Antonio. Groups helped place more than 100,000 flags at the cemetery. (AP Photo/Eric Gay)



# Sheriffs never saw menacing videos before rampage

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GOLETA, California (AP)  
— Sheriff's deputies who

interacted with him, he was able to convince them that he was OK," he said. It's not clear why the sheriffs did not become aware

Tube videos. He wrote in his manifesto that he uploaded most of his videos in the week leading up to April 26, when he originally planned

to carry out his attacks. He postponed his plan after catching a cold. Because many of the videos were removed from YouTube then re-added in the week leading up to the killings, it's unclear which of the videos alarmed his family, or whether others were reported that were not uploaded again. He voices his contempt for everyone from his roommates to the human race, reserving special hate for two groups: the women he says kept him a virgin for all of his 22 years and the men they chose instead. At least two other people who saw Rodger's videos before Friday compared him to a serial killer, through a message board on a bodybuilding website and the social network Reddit. □



This image from video posted on YouTube shows Elliot Rodger. Sheriff's officials say Rodger was the gunman who went on a shooting rampage near the University of California at Santa Barbara on Friday, May 23, 2014. In the video, posted on the same day as the shootings, Rodger looks at the camera and says he is going to take his revenge against humanity. He describes loneliness and frustration because "girls have never been attracted to me." (AP Photo/YouTube)

showed up at Elliot Rodger's doorstep last month to check on his mental health hadn't seen online videos in which he threatens suicide and violence even though those recordings were what prompted his parents to call authorities.

By the time law enforcement did see the videos, it was too late: The well-mannered if shy young man that deputies concluded after their visit posed no risk had gone on a deadly rampage stabbing and shooting six people to death before taking his own life Friday.

The sheriff's office said Sunday they were "not aware of any videos until after the shooting rampage occurred," Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office spokeswoman Kelly Hoover said.

Sheriff Bill Brown has defended the officers' actions, but the case highlights the challenges that police face in assessing the mental health of adults, particularly those with no history of violent breakdowns, institutionalizations or serious crimes.

"Obviously, looking back on this, it's a very tragic situation and we certainly wish that we could turn the clock back and maybe change some things," Brown told CBS' "Face the Nation" on Sunday.

"At the time deputies in-

of the videos. Attorney Alan Shifman said the Rodger family had called police after being alarmed by YouTube videos "regarding suicide and the killing of people" that their son had been posting.

Doris A. Fuller, executive director of the Virginia-based Treatment Advocacy Center, said California law has provisions that permit emergency psychiatric evaluations of individuals who pose a serious threat, but that was never triggered. Rodger's family has disclosed their son was under the care of therapists.

"Once again, we are grieving over deaths and devastation caused by a young man who was sending up red flags for danger that failed to produce intervention in time to avert tragedy," Fuller said in a statement.

"In this case, the red flags were so big the killer's parents had called police ... and yet the system failed," she said.

Rodger, writing in a manifesto, said he was relieved his apartment wasn't searched because deputies would have uncovered the cache of weapons he used in the beach town rampage Friday in which he killed six people and then, authorities say, himself.

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# Lawmakers call for tighter grip on VA hospitals

**TOM RAUM**

**Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The chairmen of the House and Senate Veterans Affairs Committees on Sunday decried long waits and backlogs at the nation's VA hospitals but stopped short of calling for the resignation of Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric Shinseki.

Lawmakers from both parties have pressed for policy changes and better management as the Veterans Administration confronts allegations about treatment delays and falsified records at VA centers around the country. The program serves nearly 9 million veterans.

The department's inspector general says 26 VA facilities are under investigation, including the Phoenix VA hospital, where a former clinic director says as many as 40 veterans may have died while awaiting treatment.

Officials also are investigating claims that VA employees have falsified appointment records to cover up delays in care. An initial review of 17 people

who died while awaiting appointments in Phoenix found that none of their deaths appeared to have been caused by delays in treatment.

"You've got an entrenched bureaucracy that exists out there that is not held accountable, that is shooting for goals, goals that are not helping the veterans," said Republican Rep. Jeff Miller, chairman of the House panel.

"I think some people may be cooking the books" to suggest waiting times are shorter than they actually are, said Sen. Bernie Sanders, a Vermont independent who chairs the counterpart Senate committee. Both chairmen were interviewed on CNN's "State of the Union."

President Barack Obama did not mention the VA issue in a speech on Sunday to U.S. troops in Afghanistan during a surprise visit.

"The VA really didn't factor into the planning for the trip at all," said Ben Rhodes, the deputy national security adviser. "The VA is obviously something he's going to continue to work on very

hard in the coming days and weeks back home as well." Meanwhile, Army Gen. Martin Dempsey, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, in a pre-recorded interview broad-

said on CBS' "Face the Nation" that the Justice Department "has to be involved." He said there is "credible and specific evidence of criminal wrongdoing across the country"

war, we have a solemn promise to make sure that when they come home, we are going to take care of them," Sanders said.

The two committee chairmen appeared a day after



**Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric Shinseki, center, meets with Senate Veterans Affairs Committee Chairman Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., right, and the committee's ranking member Sen. Richard Burr, R-N.C., on Capitol Hill in Washington.**

(AP Photo/Cliff Owen)

cast Sunday on ABC's "This Week," called the VA's current problems "outrageous — if the allegations are documented and proven. And I suspect some of them will be."

"They've got to be held accountable," Dempsey said, adding that Shinseki "has made it very clear that they will be held accountable." Meanwhile, Democratic Sen. Richard Blumenthal

at VA hospitals.

The allegations have raised fresh concerns about the Obama administration's management of a department that has been struggling to keep up with the influx of veterans returning home from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and Vietnam veterans needing more care as they age.

"You know, if we are going to send people off to

the Obama administration agreed to recommendations from lawmakers in both parties and said it would allow more veterans to get care at private hospitals to help ease pressure on backlogged VA hospitals dealing with patients from the wars on terrorism as well as treating old soldiers from prior conflicts including Afghanistan and Iraq. □



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### US Financial Front:

## Ripple effects from America's rising student debt

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What are the roads not taken because students must take out loans for college? A collection of studies shows that the burden of student debt may well cause people to make different decisions than they

Cordell and Shuwei Ma of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia.

When students use up their debt capacity on student loans, they can't commit it elsewhere. "Given the importance of an entrepreneur's personal debt capacity in financing a start-

steeper for people with a history of student loan debt and has continued even as the housing market has recovered.

Total student loans outstanding have risen to \$1.1 trillion, compared with \$300 billion just a decade ago, according to the Fed's study. The average total debt for student borrowers was around \$30,000 in 2013. No wonder borrowers have been reluctant to start businesses or to buy homes. Student loan debt may also affect career choices. Having a college loan appears to reduce the likelihood that people will choose a low-paying public-interest job, according to a 2011 study by Jesse Rothstein of

the University of California, Berkeley, and Cecilia Elena Rouse of Princeton.

They arrived at their conclusion by studying a well-off university that began meeting students' financial needs through a combination of work-study money and grants, and dispensing with loans altogether. (The school insisted on anonymity as a condition for participating in the study.)

Before the new policy started in the early 2000s, students were more likely to choose well-paid professions like investment banking and consulting, Rothstein said in an interview. After the policy took effect, more students chose jobs in areas like teaching and the

nonprofit sector.

In many cases, the choices that student borrowers make are just common sense, based on the financial realities they face. Taken together, they seem to be having a substantive - many would say negative - effect on the economy. Is that enough reason for schools or the government to step in with a solution? Not many schools are like Anon U (as the researchers above called it), which could afford to take loans off the table. If society wants to change the skewing effect of student loans, some tough decisions about allocating educational resources may well lie ahead.





A collection of studies shows that the burden of student debt may well cause people to make different life decisions -- choices that affect not just individual lives but also the entire economy.

(Michael Waraksa/The New York Times)

would otherwise - affecting not just individual lives but also the entire economy. For one thing, it appears that people with student loans are less likely to start businesses of their own. A new study has found that areas with higher relative growth in student debt show lower growth in the formation of small businesses (in this case, firms with 1 to 4 employees). The correlation makes sense. People normally have only a certain amount of "debt capacity," said Brent W. Ambrose, a professor of risk management at Pennsylvania State University and a co-author of a preliminary paper on the research along with Larry

up business, student loan debt, which cannot be discharged via bankruptcy, can have lasting effects later in life and may impact the ability of future small-business owners to raise capital," the study says. Considering that 60 percent of jobs are created by small business, "if you shut down the ability to create new businesses, you're going to harm the economy," Ambrose said. Student loan debt also appears to be affecting homeownership trends. According to research by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, fewer 30-year-olds in general have bought homes since the recession, but the decline has been





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## Auto parts price-fixing investigation rattles industry

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**Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—An investigation into price-fixing and bid-rigging in the auto parts industry has mushroomed into the Justice Department's largest criminal antitrust probe ever, and it's not over yet.

The investigation, made public four years ago with FBI raids in the Detroit area, has led to criminal charges against dozens of people and companies, stretched across continents and reverberated through an industry responsible for supplying critical car components.

The collusion has also saddled drivers with millions of dollars in extra costs.

"It's a very, very safe assumption that U.S. consumers paid more, and sometimes significantly more, for their automobiles as a result of this conspiracy," Brent Snyder, a deputy assistant attorney general in the antitrust division, said in an interview.

So far, 34 individuals have been charged and 27

companies have pleaded guilty or agreed to do so, the Justice Department says. Collectively, they have agreed to pay more than \$2.3 billion in fines. New cases have arisen with regularity, with Attorney General Eric Holder promising last September that investigators "would check under every hood and kick every tire."

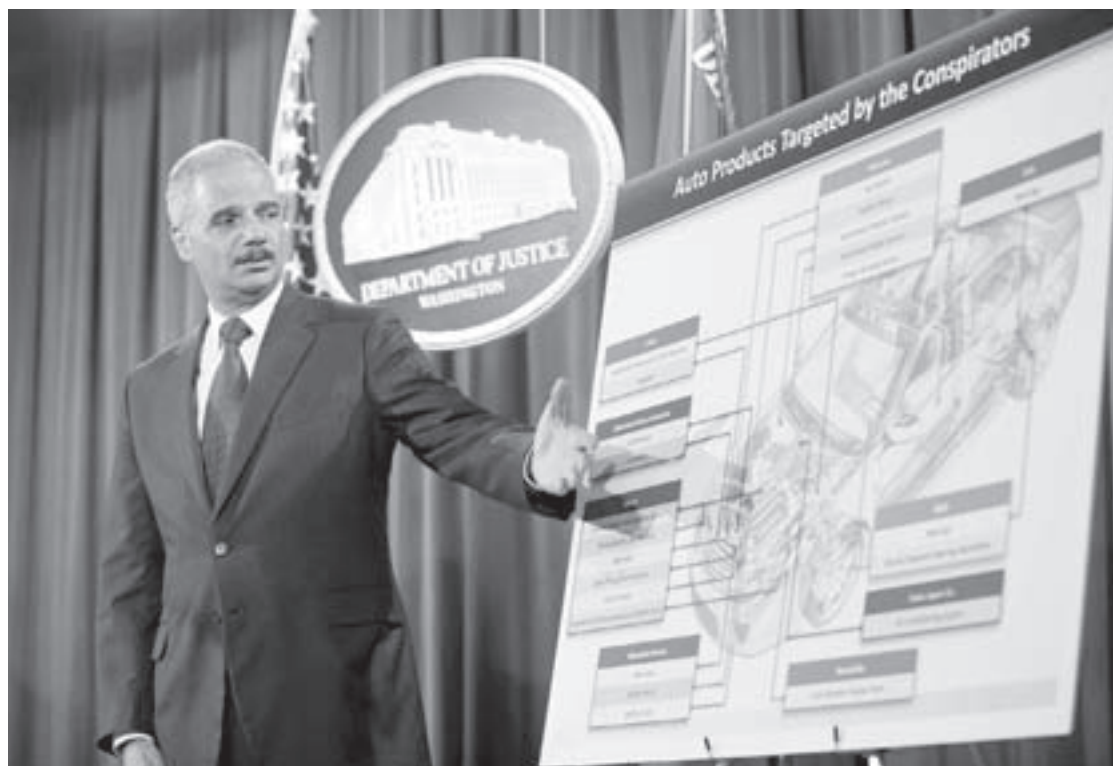
The most recent development came Thursday, when an executive from a Japanese company was charged with conspiring to fix the prices of heater control panels sold to Toyota and with persuading workers to destroy evidence. Officials say the investigation stands out not just for its scope but also for the cooperation the authorities have received from Japan, Australia and other countries.

Despite the challenges of prosecuting foreign nationals, the Justice Department has won guilty pleas from a series of Japanese executives who opted to get their punishment over with

rather than remain under indictment in their home countries and subject to career-crippling travel re-

emails, meeting at remote locations and destroying documents to avoid paper trails.

There are a finite number of purchasers and suppliers, there's steady pressure among companies to cut



**Attorney General Eric Holder points to an illustration of auto parts during a news conference at the Justice Department in Washington. A federal investigation into price fixing in the auto parts industry, made public four years ago with FBI raids in the Detroit area, has mushroomed into the largest antitrust investigation in Justice Department history — and authorities say it's not over yet.**

(AP Photo/Manuel Balce Ceneta)

strictions.

Though the techniques and strategies sometimes differed, the executives generally carried out the collusion by trading coded

With an eye toward eliminating competition and maximizing profits, they exploited an industry that experts say is in some ways vulnerable to collusion:

prices — and car parts, unlike certain products that have a great deal of variability — are generally standardized and homogeneous.

### Agency:

## More deaths expected from GM ignition flaw

**BILL VLASIC**

**REBECCA R. RUIZ**

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The number of deaths linked to defective ignition switches in General Motors cars is likely to rise above the 13 fatalities acknowledged so far by GM, according to the nation's top auto safety regulator.

"The final death toll associated with this safety defect is not known to NHTSA, but we believe it's likely that more than 13 lives were lost," said David Friedman,

the acting chief of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

GM has said that it knows of 13 deaths and 32 accidents tied to a faulty switch that can cause a sudden loss of engine power and deactivate air bags in Chevrolet Cobalts, Saturn Ions and other small cars. In February, the automaker began recalling 2.6 million cars for the problem, and it has admitted in filings with regulators that it knew of the defect as early as 2001.

The recall has spurred a number of federal and state investigations of GM and prompted the company to overhaul its internal safety procedures. It has also led GM to issue dozens of additional recalls for other models.

In his statement, Friedman said the number of deaths associated with the ignition switch was expected to increase as GM continued to evaluate lawsuits, consumer complaints and other data.



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# Putin: West ignores Russia's interests in Ukraine



Russian President Vladimir Putin speaks at his meeting with senior representatives of major international news agencies in St. Petersburg, Russia, Saturday, May 24, 2014. President Vladimir Putin has accused the West of ignoring Russia's interests in Ukraine, in particular by leaving open the possibility that Ukraine could one day join NATO.

**JOHN DANISZEWSKI**  
Associated Press

**ST. PETERSBURG, Russia (AP)**

— President Vladimir Putin said this weekend that he does not believe there will be a new Cold War with the United States, and Russia does not want it.

But he warned that Russia's interests must be taken seriously and accused the West of having ignored Russia's concerns over Ukraine. He also criticized Britain's Prince Charles' reported recent remarks comparing him to Hitler as "unacceptable" and "not royal behavior."

"I wouldn't like to think that this is the start of a new Cold War — we're not interested in that and I don't believe it will happen," Putin said when asked about the future of U.S.-Russian relations, which are at their lowest point in the two decades since the end of the Soviet Union because of the crisis in Ukraine.

He said there have been many points of contact and cooperation between the U.S. and Russia in recent years, but "these instruments are only good when they are really used,

(AP Photo/Mikhail Klimentyev)

if they are really platforms for bilateral work. These platforms are not there for us to drink tea or coffee. These are platforms for searching for compromise."

Speaking to representatives of major news agencies, including The Associated Press, on the margins of a major economic forum in this former imperial capital, Putin accused Western politicians of interfering in Ukraine without taking into account how important Russia sees its neighbor to its own security and economic interests.

Russia fears the new Western-leaning government in Kiev would try to take Ukraine, a former Soviet republic, into the U.S.-dominated Atlantic Alliance. When Russia annexed Crimea in March, Putin said the decision was driven in part by the need to prevent NATO ships from ever being based on the Black Sea peninsula.

"Where is the guarantee that, after the forceful change of power, Ukraine will not tomorrow end up in NATO?" Putin said. "We hear only one answer, as if

on a record: Every nation has a right to determine on its own the security system in which it wants to live,

and that doesn't concern you," he said. "If the main bonus (of relations) Russia gets is to sit in the room and

listen to what other people are saying, then that is not a role Russia can agree to," Putin said. □



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## Suspects in China market attack are identified

ANDREW JACOBS

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**BEIJING** - Law enforcement officials in the western region of Xinjiang have identified five men they said were responsible for an attack on an outdoor vegetable market Thursday that killed 43 people and injured more than 90, many of them older shoppers.

The authorities said this weekend that four of the men were killed when the two vehicles they used to mount the attack exploded in Urumqi, the regional capital. They were identified through DNA analysis. The fifth suspect was captured Thursday night after escaping to a town about 150 miles south of the city, the police said.

The names of the five men suggested that they were members of the region's Uighur minority, which has been implicated in an increasing number of violent attacks across the country in recent months, including a bombing at a train station in Urumqi on April 30 that killed three people, including two of the assailants, and injured 79, the authorities said.

The police report issued Saturday said the five men responsible for the market attack were members of a "terrorist gang" from Pishan, a predominantly Uighur county in southern Xinjiang, and had been inspired by overseas jihadists.

"They took part in illegal religious activities, watched

and listened to terrorist violence video and audio materials," the national broadcaster, CCTV, said on its website.

No group has claimed responsibility for the Thursday attack; after previous violent episodes, the government has been quick to blame the East Turkestan Islamic Movement, a murky organization said to operate in Pakistan's lawless tribal belt. Some analysts have questioned the role of foreign militants in the mounting violence. Instead, they say, many of the earlier attacks that targeted police stations and government offices were probably the work of disaffected Uighurs seeking independence for Xinjiang, a geopolitically

pivotal region that shares a border with several Central Asian nations, including Afghanistan, as well as Russia and Pakistan.

The attack in Urumqi was among the most sophisticated and lethal to date. According to a bulletin posted online by the Xinjiang Uighur Autonomous Region Public Security Bureau, the men formed a terrorist cell late last year. Over subsequent months they bought two sport utility vehicles and materials to make the homemade explosive devices, which they tossed from their vehicles as they sped through the crowd. Witnesses said that the devices resembled paint cans and that many of them failed to detonate. □

## Iran billionaire executed over \$2B bank fraud

**TEHRAN, Iran (AP)** — A billionaire businessman at the heart of a \$2.6 billion state bank scam in Iran, the largest fraud case since the country's 1979 Islamic Revolution, was executed Saturday, state television reported.

Authorities put Mahafarid Amir Khosravi, also known as Amir Mansour Aria, to death at Evin prison, just north of the capital, Tehran, the TV reported. The report said the execution came after Iran's Supreme Court upheld his death sentence.

Khosravi's lawyer, Gholam Ali Riahi, was quoted by news website khabaronline.ir as saying that the death sentence was carried out without him being given any notice. Death sentences in Iran are usually carried out by hanging.

"I had not been informed about the execution of my client," Riahi said. "All the assets of my client are at the disposal of the prosecutor's office."

State officials did not immediately comment on Riahi's claim.

The fraud involved using forged documents to get credit at one of Iran's top financial institutions, Bank Saderat, to purchase assets including state-owned companies like major steel producer Khuzestan Steel Co. Khosravi's business empire included more than 35 companies from mineral water production to a football club and meat imports from Brazil. According to Iranian media reports, the bank fraud began in 2007.

A total of 39 defendants were convicted in the case. Four received death sentences, two got life sentences and the rest received sentences of up to 25 years in prison.

The trials raised questions about corruption at senior levels in Iran's tightly controlled economy during the administration of former President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

Mahmoud Reza Khavari, a former head of Bank Melli, another major Iranian bank, escaped to Canada in 2011 after he resigned over the case. □

## Thai military moves to stifle dissent, tighten grip

THOMAS FULLER

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**BANGKOK** - As protests demanding elections grew in Bangkok, Thailand's military junta on Sunday warned Thais against opposing military rule, saying "the process of democratization cannot be carried out right now."

A statement by the coup leader, Gen. Prayuth Chan-ocha, which was read out by a subordinate on television Sunday, said the military sought to "bring back happiness to all Thai people."

"We would like to urge cooperation from all civil servants and police to be patient, sacrifice and accept the principle of ridding the country from conflict," the statement said. "Otherwise, we will become a failed state, and no one will be happy."

The military during the weekend ordered two dozen professors and writers to turn themselves over to the military authorities, broadening a sweep in which nearly 200 political officials have already been summoned and detained. The statement by Prayuth said those who had surrendered were being treated well.

"There is no imprisonment or torture at all," the state-

ment said. "We are treating them with honor."

The two dozen scholars and writers who were summoned Saturday were advocates of elections, which the protest movement had blocked and which the

politicians.

The Pentagon, responding to Thursday's military coup, announced Saturday that it was halting a military exercise with the Thai armed forces that was already underway and canceling

the weekend, "terminating" the upper house of Parliament and purging the bureaucracy of senior officials who were seen as allies of the deposed government.

A prominent Thai reporter



**Protesters clash with the military during a demonstration against the coup in Bangkok, May 25, 2014. As protests demanding elections grew, Thailand's military junta on Sunday warned against opposing military rule, saying "the process of democratization cannot be carried out right now."**

(Adam Ferguson/The New York Times)

opposition Democrat Party had boycotted.

The overthrow of the country's elected government Thursday has been applauded by members of the Bangkok elite, but it risks a violent backlash from voters in northern Thailand who supported the ousted

the visit here of a top U.S. admiral, Adm. Harry B. Harris Jr. The Obama administration, which suspended military aid to Thailand last week, called off other projects for police and military cooperation.

The junta continued to consolidate power over

for the newspaper The Nation, Pravit Rojanaphruk, was summoned to an army facility and surrendered Sunday. The Thai news media reported that editors from the country's largest newspapers were also asked to attend a meeting with the military rulers. □



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## Far right, Euroskeptics make big gains in EU vote

**MIKE CORDER**  
**Associated Press**

**BRUSSELS (AP)** — The far right and Euroskeptics made sweeping gains in European Parliament elections Sunday, according to exit polls, signaling a major political shift toward parties that want to slash the powers of the European Union or abolish it altogether. Polls in recent days had predicted that Euroskeptics could snag as many as a third of the seats in the EU's 751-seat legislature in the vote ending Sunday. One of the most significant winners appeared to be France's far-right National Front. Two polling companies said the party, led by Marine Le Pen, was the outright winner in France with one-quarter of the popular vote. "The sovereign people have spoken ... acclaiming they want to take back the reins of their destiny," Le Pen said in a statement. She called

the results "the first step in a long march to liberty." Voters in 21 of the European Union's 28 nations voted Sunday. The other seven

The results — official returns were expected later Sunday and into Monday — will help determine the bloc's future leaders and course.



**French far-right leader of the National Front Party, Marine Le Pen posts her vote for the European elections, Sunday, May 25, 2014, in Henin-Beaumont, northern France.**

(AP Photo/Jacques Brinon)

countries had already voted in a sprawling exercise of democracy that began Thursday in Britain and the Netherlands.

They could herald changes in EU policy in areas ranging from border control and immigration to a new trade and investment agreement

being negotiated with the United States.

Despite the Euroskeptical gains, established pro-EU parties were forecast to remain the biggest groups in the Parliament. The conservative caucus, known as EPP, was forecast to win 211 seats, down from 274, but enough to remain the biggest group.

The National Front was not the only party benefiting from widespread disillusionment with the EU. Unofficial exit polls reported a surge in support for Britain's anti-EU UKIP party.

Pollsters said the far-right Danish People's Party was also on target to become Denmark's biggest party with 23 percent of the vote, and a year-old party in Germany that wants that country to stop using the euro single currency reportedly won 6.7 percent of the vote. In the Netherlands, however, the right-wing Euroskeptical Party for Freedom

surprisingly dropped from second to fourth place, pollsters reported.

Despite the gains, unity may be hard to find in the fractured Euroskeptical camp.

Le Pen has said she will work in the European Parliament with the Dutch Party for Freedom, but UKIP leader Nigel Farage has ruled out cooperating with both those parties, which have stridently anti-immigrant platforms. "We won't work with right-wing populists," Alternative for Germany's leader Bernd Lucke also said after the vote, insisting his party was generally in favor of the European Union despite its rejection of the common currency.

Conservative caucus leader Joseph Daul put a brave face on the results Sunday. "One thing remains certain: EPP is the responsible political force in Europe, which keeps Europe open," he said.

## Belgium hunts for suspect in Jewish attack

**RAF CASERT**  
**Associated Press**

**BRUSSELS (AP)** — Belgium launched a nationwide hunt Sunday for a lone gunman who walked into the Jewish Museum, unpacked a Kalashnikov rifle, killed at least three people with a short burst of fire, packed up and briskly walked away. Saturday's attack led Belgian officials to immediately raise anti-terror measures and increase the protection for Jewish sites for what was widely seen as an anti-Semitic attack. It happened on the eve of Belgium's nationwide election and as voters across the continent picked a new European Parliament. Video of the attack showed

an athletic man with cap walking determinedly into the small Jewish Museum in the swank Sablon area, clearly bent on quickly carrying out a pre-planned attack.

The whole assault took a minute at most.

A government official had said a fourth victim, a Belgian man, died Sunday afternoon, but neither the interior ministry nor the prosecutor's office could officially confirm it late Sunday. The victim has been in a critical condition since he was shot.

No one has claimed responsibility for the killings. Leaders from Belgium and France, Pope Francis, Israeli leader Benjamin Netanyahu and others condemned

the cold-blooded attack.

"We call on the whole population to help identify this person," deputy prosecutor Ine Van Wymersch said Sunday before three separate videos and still photos of the attack were posted on the federal police web site.

None have a clear view of the man's face.

She said the gunman who killed an Israeli tourist couple and a French woman "probably acted alone, was armed and well prepared."

A fuzzy photo from inside the Jewish Museum showed the man standing with his legs apart and the Kalashnikov held in front of him during the spree.

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## South America rejects US sanctions on Venezuela

**CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)**

— South American governments have rejected an effort by U.S. lawmakers to apply sanctions on Venezuela over human rights concerns.

Foreign ministers from the 12-member Union of South American Nations issued

a statement this weekend saying that the proposed legislation would constitute a violation of Venezuela's internal affairs and undermine attempts by regional diplomats and the Vatican to foster dialogue between the government and opposition.

Sanctions represent "an obstacle for the Venezuelan people can overcome their difficulties with independence, and in democratic peace," according to a statement after a meeting in the Galapagos Islands in Ecuador.

The U.S. House of Repre-

sentatives on Wednesday is expected to debate a bipartisan bill that would order the Obama administration to ban visas and freeze the assets of Venezuelan officials who've committed abuses during the past three months of unrest. Similar legislation

has already cleared the Senate foreign relations committee.

The Obama administration has condemned President Nicolas Maduro's crackdown on protests but wants to hold off on applying sanctions to give more time to dialogue. □

## Colombia's president, challenger head to runoff

**JOSHUA GOODMAN**

**Associated Press**

**BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)**

— Former Finance Minister Oscar Ivan Zuluaga finished first in the opening round of Colombia's presidential election Sunday, delivering a blow to President Juan Manuel Santos' re-election bid but failing to avoid a runoff ballot with the incumbent.

With nearly all polling stations counted, Zuluaga had 29 percent of the votes, compared to 25.5 percent for Santos. Conservative Party candidate Marta Lucia Ramierz was in third of the five-candidate field with less than 16 percent.

Zuluaga needed 50 percent plus 1 vote to win outright, and now will face Santos, the No. 2 finisher, in a June 15 second-round election.

Colombians cast ballots Sunday after a campaign characterized by a clash of personalities and relentless mudslinging that overshadowed differences on how to put an end to a half-century of guerrilla violence.

Although Santos has presided over one of Latin America's fastest-growing economies, support for

his re-election had fallen steadily for months, especially among poor Colombians who haven't benefited as much from the economic boom.

Amid fatigue with Santos' rule, former finance chief Zuluaga emerged as the strongest challenger

about 29 percent support for each. The remaining three candidates trailed by about 20 percentage point.

The two conservative front-runners served simultaneously in Uribe's Cabinet, where they backed a free trade agreement and

that is the centerpiece of the president's re-election bid.

Santos, after casting his ballot early Sunday, said that whoever wins should continue to lead Colombia toward a deal with the country's largest rebel army. But concerns that

Although Zuluaga says he too favors a negotiated settlement, he says if elected he'll give FARC negotiators in Cuba a week to demonstrate their commitment to peace by declaring a permanent ceasefire. Zuluaga is also threatening to take a tougher stance on Venezuela, saying in a debate this week that he won't remain "silently complicit" as President Nicolas Maduro jails opponents and stamps out anti-government protests. Santos has been careful not to provoke the socialist president, calculating that extensive commercial ties with the country and relations with leftist governments in South America could suffer.

But those policy differences have largely been engulfed in the past two weeks by a string of bitter attacks and shocking revelations. It began with media reports that Santos' campaign manager, J.J. Rendon, received \$12 million from the nation's biggest drug traffickers to help negotiate their surrender. Rendon quickly resigned after acknowledging he interceded in the case, though has denied taking any money. □



**Oscar Ivan Zuluaga, presidential candidate for the Democratic Center, greets supporters after voting during presidential elections in Bogota, Colombia, Sunday, May 25, 2014.**

(AP Photo/Javier Galeano)

thanks to the backing of his one-time boss and mentor, the still-popular but polarizing former President Alvaro Uribe.

The last opinion polls taken 10 days ago placed the two in a dead heat, with

close anti-narcotics cooperation with the United States.

Where they differ is on how to manage an 18-month peace process with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC,

rebel leaders, on the ropes after a decade-long US-backed offensive, will not be punished for any crimes have been fueling mistrust of the process that Santos' opponents have been quick to seize on.

## Lobbyists call for Jamaica to decriminalize pot

**KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP)**

— Lobbyists urged Jamaica's government Sunday to move within 120 days to decriminalize pot and establish a local medical marijuana industry.

The Cannabis Commercial and Medicinal Research Taskforce organized a three-day meeting on marijuana decriminalization with Jamaica's

largest university. The conference, which drew speakers from the U.S. and Israel, ended Saturday.

On Sunday, the lobbyists issued a 12-point roadmap they want the government to follow. Among other things, they assert that Jamaica should immediately expunge criminal records for all Jamaicans convicted for pos-

sessing small amounts of marijuana and amend laws so private, personal use by adults is decriminalized.

The group also believes Jamaica will significantly benefit from a regulated medical marijuana industry.

Pot has been pervasive but outlawed in Jamaica for a century. But as the

pot legalization movement gains traction in spots around the globe, most notably in the South American nation of Uruguay and the U.S. states of Colorado and Washington, there is a growing push to lift restrictions on the Caribbean island.

A few Cabinet ministers have publicly taken up the idea of medical mari-

juana and pot decriminalization, even indicating that changes to marijuana laws are on the horizon. But the government of Prime Minister Portia Simpson Miller has provided little indication of its thinking on the issue or provided a coherent timeline on whether any changes might be brought up for consideration. □





## Ashanti, BabyFace light up the 2014 Soul Beach Music Festival



**Oranjestad, Aruba** - Soul Beach Music 2014 edition has officially become the best one they ever had. Yes concerts.

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BabyFace did not close Saturday night's show.

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performed on his own bevy of albums but even, more so, the hits he's never has written and produced that has made stars out of so many artists.

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Adam Scott looks at the champion's trophy after winning the PGA Colonial golf tournament in Fort Worth, Texas, Sunday, May 25, 2014.  
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## Scott beats Dufner on 3rd playoff hole at Colonial

STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) —

Adam Scott made a 7-foot birdie putt on the third hole of a playoff Sunday to end his first week as the world's No. 1 player with a victory at Colonial.

Jason Dufner, who made a 25-foot birdie putt on No. 18 in regulation, slid a 40-footer past when he and Scott played the 18th hole for the second time during the playoff. Scott then made the 7-footer for his 11th PGA Tour victory.

"It's so satisfying in so many ways to get it done," Scott said. "It's a good feeling, and maybe some validation."

Only days after officially overtaking injured Tiger Woods at No. 1, Scott bogeyed four of his first nine holes in the first round at Colonial. Midway through his final round, Scott had a double bogey that dropped him three strokes off the lead.

"Maybe added a little pressure for myself, trying to play like a No. 1."

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## INDY'D



## Hunter-Reay's late surge wins Indy 500

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Ryan Hunter-Reay celebrates after winning the Indianapolis 500 IndyCar auto race at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in Indianapolis, Sunday, May 25, 2014.

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# Federer, Williams sisters win on Day 1 at French

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AP Tennis Writer

**PARIS (AP)** — Roger Federer's 4-year-old twins, Myla and Riva, hung in there for about 20 minutes Sunday in his guest box at Court Philippe Chatrier, long enough to see Daddy take control of his French Open match.

Wearing matching white dresses with black polka dots, pink bows in their hair, and sunglasses, the girls whiled away the time by looking at books. They bounced on the knees of their mom or Swiss Davis Cup coach Severin Luthi. At one point, one Federer tyke draped herself over a railing, not all that interested in watching. Eventually, the kids left with a nanny, perhaps to join their twin brothers, who are less than



Switzerland's Roger Federer serves the ball during the first round match of the French Open tennis tournament against Slovakia's Lukas Lacko at the Roland Garros stadium, in Paris, France, Sunday, May 25, 2014.

3 weeks old. Truth is, Federer's first vic-

tory as a father of four — he had been 0-1 since Leo

and Lenny joined the world — contained little drama. Federer swept the last five games of the opening set, won 36 of 43 service points in the first two sets, and eliminated 87th-ranked Lukas Lacko of Slovakia 6-2, 6-4, 6-2 to reach the second round at Roland Garros.

"My personal life, as we know, it's all great," the fourth-seeded Federer said. "So I'm happy the family is here."

Sunday's win was the 2009 champion's 59th in a French Open match, tying him with Rafael Nadal for the most in history. Nadal, who's won eight titles here, gets a chance to nudge ahead Monday, when he'll play his first-round match against American wild-card entry Robby Ginepri. "Rafa is the favorite" to win the tournament, Federer proclaimed, saying Novak Djokovic comes next in the pecking order, "and then the rest (of us); it's very clear."

In Lacko, Federer was facing a guy who's lost 11 matches in a row on clay, and 14 of 20 first-round Grand Slam matches, so there probably wasn't much reason for the 17-time major champion to worry.

And yet, Federer explained, he did experience "those hints of fear, you know — maybe yesterday, maybe this morning

at one point — just for like five seconds: 'Oh, I really hope I don't have to pack my bags today.'"

No such problems, of course.

Federer kept Lacko on the defensive by serve-and-volleying occasionally and taking 16 of 20 points at the net.

Still, Lacko wasn't ready to declare Federer capable of winning another major.

"He (has a) couple of moments when he starts to miss a little or couple easy mistakes," Lacko said. "Top guys can take advantage."

Other winners on a cloudy — but dry — Day 1 at the only Grand Slam event that starts on Sunday included No. 6 Tomas Berdych, who wore a flower-print shirt during his match and a track suit with his name on the sleeves and legs afterward; No. 8 Milos Raonic, who got past the youngest man in the draw, 19-year-old Nick Kyrgios; 10th-seeded American John Isner; No. 13 Jo-Wilfried Tsonga; and No. 22 Jerzy Janowicz, who beat Victor Estrella Burgos, the first man from the Dominican Republic at a major tournament since 1956.

Defending women's champion Serena Williams and her older sister, No. 29 Venus, moved closer to a possible third-round meeting. Other women advancing: No. 3 Agnieszka Radwanska, who weathered seven consecutive service breaks at the start before taking the last nine games; No. 8 Angelique Kerber; No. 14 Carla Suarez Navarro; and No. 31 Daniela Hantuchova.

The only seeded player to lose was No. 25 Kaia Kanepi of Estonia. Francesca Schiavone, the French Open champion in 2010 and runner-up in 2011 but now ranked only 53rd, was beaten 6-3, 6-3 by 71st-ranked Ajla Tomljanovic of Croatia.

When Federer departed the main stadium, Serena Williams entered and had about the same amount of difficulty, beating 130th-ranked French wild-card entry Alize Lim 6-2, 6-1. □

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# Hunter-Reay holds off Castroneves to win Indy 500

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**INDIANAPOLIS (AP)** — The finish was worth the wait for Ryan Hunter-Reay, who used a series of daredevil moves to deny Helio Castroneves a chance at history.

Hunter-Reay became the first American since 2006 to win the Indianapolis 500, passing Castroneves at the Yard of Bricks as the two bright yellow cars raced wheel-to-wheel under the white flag in a thrilling final lap. As Hunter-Reay surged ahead down the backstretch, Castroneves took one final look coming out of Turn 4 but couldn't pull off the pass. Hunter-Reay won by 0.060 seconds — the second closest finish in race history since Al Unser Jr. beat Scott Goodyear by 0.043 seconds in 1992.

"I'm a proud American boy, that's for sure," Hunter-Reay said in Victory Lane. "I've watched this race since I was sitting in diapers on the floor in front of the TV. This is American history, this race, this is American tradition."

Castroneves, trying to become the fourth driver to win a record fourth Indianapolis 500, settled for second. He was devastated by the defeat and needed several moments to compose himself, slumped in his car, head down and helmet on, before he was ready to speak. The Brazilian said a caution with 10 laps to go that caused a red flag so track workers could clean up debris and make repairs to the track wall broke his rhythm.

"It was a great fight," he smiled. "I tell you what, I was having a great time. Unfortunately second. It's good, but second sucks, you know what I mean?" Marco Andretti finished third and Carlos Munoz was fourth as Andretti Autosport had three cars in the top four, as well as the winner.

Kurt Busch, also in a Honda for Andretti, was sixth in his first race of the day. He left immediately after the race to fly to North Caro-



Ryan Hunter-Reay celebrates after winning the 98th running of the Indianapolis 500 IndyCar auto race at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in Indianapolis, Sunday, May 25, 2014. Associated Press

lina for Sunday night's NASCAR Sprint Cup race, where he was expected to run 600 miles in his bid to become just the second driver to complete 1,100 miles in one day.

Three other drivers made the attempt, but only Tony Stewart in 2001 completed The Double. Stewart was sixth at Indy and third at Charlotte Motor Speedway.

"All in all, I'm very pleased. I cannot believe the execution of this team," Busch said before hustling away to a helicopter ride to his waiting plane. "I tried to enjoy it. My throat's real dry because I was smiling the whole time and the fresh air was coming in my mouth."

Marco Andretti appeared to have a shot at the win, but never could mix it up with Hunter-Reay and Castroneves as the two leaders swapped position four times in the final five laps.

"Ryan's just been a huge part of our team, a great guy, a friend," said Michael Andretti, who won for the third time as a team owner and watched his son finish third. "To have him get a

win here is awesome, he deserves it, he deserves to have his face on that trophy. If it couldn't be Marco, he's the next guy I wanted."

A year ago, Hunter-Reay was passed for the lead with three laps remaining and went on to finish third as the race finished under caution. He was leading

Sunday and had control of the race until Townsend Bell's crash brought out the red flag. Hunter-Reay figured his chances were over. □

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## AL Capsules

# Red Sox lose 10th straight, brawl with Tampa Bay

**ST. PETERSBURG, Florida (AP)**

— The World Series champion Boston Red Sox lost their 10th straight game, falling into their longest slump in 20 years and brawling with the Tampa Bay Rays during an 8-5 defeat Sunday.

Rays pinch-hitter Sean Rodriguez connected for a tiebreaking, three-run homer in the seventh. Yunel Escobar hit a two-run double later in the inning and then took third on defensive indifference, setting off the fracas.

Escobar, Rodriguez and Boston's Jonny Gomes were all ejected.

This is Boston's worst losing streak since an 11-gamer from June 8-19, 1994. The Red Sox have been outscored 52-24 over their last 10 games.

**RANGERS 12, TIGERS 4**

**DETROIT (AP)** — Alex Rios tripled and drove in three runs, and the Rangers rolled to another Texas-sized rout of Detroit, beating Justin Verlander and the Tigers.

Texas took three of four in the series, scoring 35 runs in the process. The Tigers have lost six of seven, and even Verlander (5-4) couldn't come close to stopping the slide.

The Detroit right-hander allowed nine runs — six earned — in 5 1-3 innings in one of the worst starts of his career.

Michael Choice homered for the Rangers in the second, and Texas broke the game open with five runs in the fifth.

Colby Lewis (4-3) allowed



**Boston Red Sox first baseman Mike Carp, center, confronts Tampa Bay Rays' Yunel Escobar, left, during a seventh-inning brawl of a baseball game against the Tampa Bay Rays Sunday, May 25, 2014 in St. Petersburg, Fla. Boston's Jonny Gomes was ejected along with Carp and Escobar.**

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two runs and five hits in 5 2-3 innings.

**BLUE JAYS 3, ATHLETICS 1**

**TORONTO (AP)** — Edwin Encarnacion homered and J.A. Happ won his third straight start as the Blue Jays completed a three-game sweep of Oakland, beating the Athletics.

The Blue Jays, who lead the AL East, won their season-best sixth straight. It's Toronto's longest streak since an 11-game run last June. The Blue Jays have won 11 of 13 and 16 of 21.

The AL West-leading Athletics lost their fourth straight, their longest losing streak of the season. Oakland, which came in leading the AL in runs, has scored just seven times in the past four

games.

Happ (4-1) allowed four hits in a season-high seven innings. He walked three and struck out a season-high seven.

**ORIOLES 4, INDIANS 2**

**BALTIMORE (AP)** — Manny Machado and Nelson Cruz homered and Steve Pearce had three hits as the Orioles beat the Cleveland Indians for a split of the four-game series.

Miguel Gonzalez (3-3) bounced back from a shaky start to hold the Indians to two runs and four hits over six innings. He's 3-0 in three career starts against Cleveland.

Zach Britton, the third Orioles reliever, worked a perfect ninth to earn his sec-

ond save and complete the five-hitter.

Back in the lineup after missing two days with a right groin strain, Machado hit an opposite-field drive to right against Trevor Bauer (1-2) to put Baltimore ahead 3-2 in the fifth.

One out later, Cruz hit his major-league leading 16th home run on a 3-2 pitch.

**YANKEES 7, WHITE SOX 1**

**CHICAGO (AP)** — Derek Jeter had four hits and Masahiro Tanaka rebounded nicely from his first major league loss, leading the Yankees to a victory over the White Sox.

Brett Gardner had a big two-run single in New York's four-run second inning as the Yankees closed out an

extended stay in Chicago with a pair of wins against the White Sox. Brian Roberts added a solo homer in the eighth in his return to the lineup after missing a game with a sore right knee.

Tanaka (7-1) pitched into the seventh inning as New York improved to 3-3 on its unusual nine-game trip to Chicago and St. Louis. The Yankees split two games against the Cubs at Wrigley Field, and then had another split in their four-game set on Chicago's South Side.

**ANGELS 4, ROYALS 3**

**ANAHEIM, California (AP)**

— Chris Iannetta hit a tie-breaking home run in the eighth inning, lifting the Angels over the Royals.

Reliever Tim Collins (0-3) retired the first batter in the eighth before Iannetta lined a drive into the lower seats in the left-field corner for his fifth homer of the season and second of the series.

Michael Kohn (2-1) pitched a scoreless inning. Ernesto Frieri got three outs for his sixth save, retiring Alcides Escobar on a popup with a runner on third.

**ASTROS 4, MARINERS 1**

**SEATTLE (AP)** — Dallas Keuchel pitched a four-hitter for his second complete game in his last three starts, leading the Astros to a victory over the Mariners.

Keuchel (6-2) struck out six, walked none and allowed just an unearned run that scored on a throwing error in the second inning. □

## WNBA Capsules

# Parker leads Sparks to rout of Stars

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Candace Parker scored 23 points and Kristi Toliver added 15 to help the Los Angeles Sparks rout the San Antonio Stars 83-62 on Sunday.

Parker scored 12 of the Sparks' first 15 points of the third quarter and the Sparks (2-1) avoided their worst start since they began 0-3 in 2010. It was their first home win since they

were purchased Feb. 5 by a group that is led by former NBA star Magic Johnson and Dodgers controlling owner Mark R. Walter. Nneka Ogwumike returned from a lower back strain injury and scored 11 points with nine rebounds. Jantel Lavender scored 12 points on 6 for 9 shooting. The Sparks outscored the Stars 48-30 in the paint.

Jia Perkins led the Stars (2-

2) with 17 points and Danielle Robinson, Becky Hammon and Kayla McBride each scored eight points. San Antonio was going for its first three-game win streak since it won 12 in a row in 2012.

Parker effectively sealed it with a 3-pointer from the right side to give the Sparks a 71-58 lead with 4:33 left. San Antonio did not get within a single-digit deficit

the rest of the way.

**FEVER 82, DREAM 77, OT**

**ATLANTA (AP)** — Erlana Larkins had 13 points and 22 rebounds while Briann January added 16 points to help the Fever beat the Dream.

Larkins finished two rebounds shy of the WNBA single-game record set by Washington's Chamique Holdsclaw at Charlotte on May 23, 2003.

The Fever (1-3) ended a three-game losing streak that stopped their worst start to a season since 2001.

Angel McCoughtry scored 19 points and Jasmine Thomas added 17 for Atlanta (2-2).

Larkins had five points and five rebounds in overtime as Indiana outscored the Dream 14-9 in the final 5 minutes. □



# Rory McIlroy wins BMW PGA Championship

**VIRGINIA WATER, England (AP)** — Rory McIlroy put aside the anguish in his private life to win the European Tour's flagship BMW PGA Championship on Sunday.

The double major winner came from seven shots back at the start of the final round to shoot a 6-under 66 and win by 1 stroke with an overall 14-under 274 on the Wentworth course.

It was McIlroy's first European Tour success since December 2012 and ends a run of eight second-place finishes in 11 events this season.

Shane Lowry of Ireland came second with a round of 68 for a 13-under 275. Denmark's Thomas Bjorn (75) shared third place on 12 under with England's two-time BMW PGA winner Luke Donald (70).

McIlroy's 12th victory worldwide comes four days after the 25-year old Northern Irishman confirmed the breakdown in his relationship with Danish tennis star Caroline Wozniacki.

McIlroy had been close to tears on Wednesday when talking to the media. He was still subdued Sunday despite his victory though he hugged his father Gerry

and long-time coach Michael Bannon.

"I guess when I got inside the ropes this week, it was a little bit of a release, and I was on my own and doing what I do best, which is playing golf, and that sort of gave me four or five hours of serenity or sanctuary or whatever you want to call it," McIlroy said.

"I was just focusing on the job at hand which was to play golf and get the ball in the hole in the lowest number of shots possible ... It's obviously been a week of very mixed emotions, but I'm sitting here looking at this trophy going, 'How the hell, how did it happen this week?' But it did."

It was McIlroy's first success since coming from behind to win December's Australian Open in Sydney. He heads into next month's U.S. Open as a strong contender to win the event for a second time in four years. "The win at the end of last year in Australia sort of stopped all the questions about equipment and about struggling and slump and all this stuff," McIlroy said.

"But to win here, against a great field, one of the best fields of the year, especial-



**Northern Ireland's Rory McIlroy celebrates winning the BMW PGA Championship at the Wentworth Club, Virginia Water, Sunday May 25, 2014.**  
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ly in Europe sort of cements that, and shows where my game is and I'm on the right track again. Hopefully, it won't be long before I'm contending in majors and having a chance to win those again."

Lowry went into the last day some five shots behind third round leader Bjorn but found himself in front when Bjorn took a triple bogey 7 at the par four No. 6.

After three birdies in a row from the 10th, Lowry had

his own troubles in taking a double bogey at the par four 13th. However, the former Irish Open and Portugal Masters winner regrouped to birdie the 14th and, while he dropped a shot at the next, the 26-year-old Lowry holed a 30-foot birdie at the last to secure second place on his own.

"I'm happy but I know I am going to be sitting in my hotel room tonight and the 13th hole is going to be

going through my head," Lowry said.

The 43-year-old Bjorn went into the last day with history on his side as no player had lost at this European Tour event after leading by five shots.

By the ninth hole Bjorn had forfeited his advantage — taking a bogey at No. 5, triple bogey at the sixth where he failed to get out of a greenside bunker in regulation, and dropping a further shot at the ninth. □

## Colonial

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But I think the important thing was I realized that didn't mean playing perfect, and I certainly didn't play perfect all week," Scott said. "But the way you come back and get it done, and I felt like I certainly played like one of the best players in the world out there on the back nine."

The Australian certainly did with consecutive birdies in the playoff.

The major champions parred No. 18 to start the playoff before matching birdies at the 17th hole. Dufner, who won the PGA Championship last year, hit his approach pin high on 17 to 4½ feet, but 2013 Masters champ Scott drained a 14-foot birdie before Dufner putted.

Dufner, who made a 25-foot birdie putt on No. 18 in regulation, slid a 40-footer past when he and Scott played the 18th hole for the second time during the playoff. Scott then made the 7-footer for his 11th PGA Tour victory, 5½ weeks after the 33-year-old Scott got married.

"It's tough to beat him. He's a great player. It's tough to concentrate, he's so good looking, too," Dufner said. "I thought maybe I could sneak one in there on 17, but he topped me." Scott and Dufner both shot 4-under 66 to finish at 9 under, the highest winning score at Colonial since 1999. They started the final round part of a seven-way tie for 11th place, but only two strokes behind a quartet of leaders.

To stay No. 1 in the world ranking, Scott had to be in the top 13 at Colonial after



**Adam Scott reacts after missing a putt on the 18th hole during the final round of the PGA Colonial golf tournament in Fort Worth, Texas, Sunday, May 25, 2014.**

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Henrik Stenson finished in a five-way tie for seventh place in the BMW PGA Championship at Wentworth.

The win at Colonial, which came with \$1,152,000 and a plaid jacket, made Scott the first player to win all four PGA Tour events in Texas. He is the 15th to win both the Byron Nelson

Championship (2008) and the Colonial in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Nicholas Thompson (66) and Freddie Jacobson (67) tied for third at 8 under.

David Toms, in the final group, led at 9 under when he made his turn. But he had three bogeys over the next five holes and finished with a 70. Toms ended up

7 under with Brendon Todd (68), who last week got his first PGA Tour victory at the Nelson. Jimmy Walker, No. 1 in the FedEx Cup standings, shot a 70 was tied for 10th at 6 under.

About 30 minutes after Dufner made his long birdie at No. 18 to get to 9 under, Scott made a closing par after just missing a 31-foot birdie chance that would have wrapped up the victory. It was just less than an hour later when the two went back to No. 18 to start the playoff.

Scott finished about the same time Toms was coming off bogey at the par-3 13th that dropped him two strokes back. Scott was already 8 under after making a 6-footer at the 406-yard No. 6 hole, his fourth birdie in the round and already with a bogey at the par-4 third when he three-putted from 24 feet. □





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Italy's Fabio Aru celebrates as he crosses the finish line to win the 15th stage of the Giro D'Italia cycling race from Valdengo to Plan di Montecampione, Italy, Sunday, May 25, 2014.

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## Aru wins tough 15th Giro stage; Uran retains lead

**MONTECAMPIONE, Italy (AP)** — Fabio Aru of Italy claimed a solo victory on the tough uphill finish to Montecampione in the 15th stage of the Giro d'Italia on Saturday for his first Grand Tour victory.

Aru made his move with 2.5 kilometers (1.55 miles) remaining and finished 21 seconds ahead of Fabio Duarte. Nairo Quintana edged out Pierre Rolland for third place, 22 seconds behind.

"I'm very happy," a tearful Aru said after crossing the line. "It's thanks to my teammates, who have been amazing not only today but all race. This win is for them."

"It's really pleasing but I still have a lot to learn and to grow. I still can't believe it." The 23-year-old Aru also cut into Rigoberto Uran's overall lead and is now fourth — 2 minutes, 24 seconds behind the Colombian.

Uran extended his advantage over his closest challengers and is 1:03 ahead of Cadel Evans and 1:50 ahead of Rafal Majka.

"It was a long day and the teams were very strong today," Uran said. "I'm happy, now there's a rest day and then the Giro continues."

It was another stage dedicated to the late Marco Pantani, who had a memorable victory up to Montecampione on his way to winning the 1998 Giro.

Pantani also went on to win the Tour de France that year. He was found dead in a hotel room on Valentine's Day in 2004, and a coroner ruled he died from cocaine poisoning.

The previous two times a Giro stage has finished up Montecampione, the winner has gone on to claim the race.

The stage was mainly flat along the 225-kilometer (140-mile) route from Valdengo before the final long and steep climb.

The break of the day was formed of 12 riders and it had a 10-minute lead with 78 kilometers (48.5 miles) remaining, before the peloton — driven by Nero Sottoli — started to reel them in. □

## Jessica Korda wins Airbus LPGA Classic

**MOBILE, Alabama (AP)**

— Jessica Korda won the Airbus LPGA Classic on Sunday for her second victory of the year, birdieing four of the last five holes to break out of a tight pack. Korda made a breaking 15-foot birdie putt on the par-4 18th for a 7-under 65 and a one-stroke victory over Anna Nordqvist.

Also the winner in the season-opening event in the Bahamas, Korda played the back nine in 6-under 30 to finish at 20-under 268 on The Crossings course at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail's Magnolia Grove complex.

"It just sets up great for my game," said Korda, who shot 20 under in last year and tied for second. "I can be aggressive. I can read the greens. My confidence just was rising every single day. I just love it here. I love Alabama, I love this golf course, and hopefully we'll have this tournament for a very, very long time."

Nordqvist also birdied the 18th and finished with a 69. Michelle Wie, 18-year-old Charley Hull and 44-year-old Catriona Matthew tied for third at 18 under. Wie and Hull shot 67, and Matthew had a 69.

Wie played alongside Korda and Hull.

"I love playing with Korda," Wie said. "It's also really great playing with Charley as well, too. You feel old but it was a lot of fun."

Wie, the winner last month in Hawaii, has seven top-10 finishes in 10 starts this year. "I knew I needed a low score," Wie said. "I got hot starting on and just didn't quite get it together on the back nine, but still I shot 5 under today and there's



Jessica Korda holds up the trophy following her win in the Airbus LPGA Classic golf tournament at Magnolia Grove on Sunday, May 25, 2014, in Mobile, Ala.

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really nothing I can do. I'm just really happy for Korda. I had a lot of fun playing with her and I knew I needed a low number and I just didn't hit it low enough." Korda, whose father, Petr, won the 1998 Australian Open tennis tournament and mother, Regina Rachtova, also played pro tennis, started the day three strokes behind 54-hole leader Nordqvist and managed only one birdie on the front nine.

"Yesterday was a little frustrating because I was always around the hole and same thing actually on the front nine, watching Michelle make putt after putt after putt and mine were just kind of missing," Korda said. "I was like, OK, it's time to drop now. Then they started dropping on the back nine. It was a really relaxed day, so I really enjoyed the walk." She birdied Nos. 10 and 12

to join a six-way tie for the lead, with three more players one shot off the pace in the birdie-fest.

"Charley was making birdies, Michelle was making birdies and everybody behind us was making birdies, so I knew I had to keep making birdies," Korda said.

Korda broke out of that logjam with a curling downhill birdie putt at the 14th hole, then took the lead for good with a 25-foot birdie on No. 15.

She protected that small lead with a birdie at the par-5 16th and her closing birdie on the 18th.

"That last putt broke really hard," Korda said. "I probably played it about a yard out and I was just trying to get it down there close and it went in. I have not played well since I won in the Bahamas but I've been working hard and it finally paid off here." □



# Europe's move to rein in Google would stall in U.S.

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MOUNTAIN VIEW, California  
(AP) — Europe's moves to

rein in Google — including a court ruling this month ordering the search giant to give people a say in what pops up when someone searches their name — may be seen in Brussels as striking a blow for the little guy.

But across the Atlantic, the idea that users should be able to edit Google search results in the name of privacy is being slammed as weird and difficult to enforce at best and a crack-down on free speech at worst.

"Americans will find their searches bowdlerized by prissy European sensibilities," said Stewart Baker, former assistant secretary for policy at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. "We'll be the big losers. The big winners will be French ministers who want the right to have their last mistress forgotten."

Mountain View, California-based Google says it's still figuring out how to comply with the European Court of Justice's May 13 ruling, which says the company must respond to complaints about private information that turns up in searches. Google must then decide whether the public's right to be able to find the information outweighs an individual's right to control it — with prefer-



In this Oct. 17, 2012, file photo, a man raises his hand during at Google offices in New York. People should have some say over the results that pop up when they conduct a search of their own name online, Europe's highest court said Tuesday, May 13, 2014. Associated Press

ence given to the individual.

The judgment applies to all search engines operating within the European Union. But in practice that means Google, given that 90 percent of all online searches there use Google's search engine.

"The ruling has significant implications for how we handle takedown requests," Google spokesman Al Verney said. "This is logistically complicated, not least because of the many languages involved and the need for careful review. As soon as we have thought through exactly how this will work, which may take several weeks, we will let our users know." There will be serious technological challenges, said U.S. privacy attorney David

Keating in Atlanta.

"It seems aspirational, not a reality, to comply with such a standard," he said. "The reengineering necessary to implement the right to be forgotten is significant."

Google may partially automate the process, as it does with copyright-infringement complaints, but ultimately a human will have to decide when results should be sanitized.

Johannes Caspar, who as Hamburg's Commissioner for Data Protection acts as Germany's lead regulator of Google on privacy issues, confirmed the company is already working on an "online tool" to help people file complaints.

Because the court's ruling applies only within Europe, it will mean some

fragmentation of search results. That is, Europeans and Americans will see slightly different versions of the Internet. A worst-case scenario would be if Google decides it must err on the side of caution and removes links liberally in order to avoid lawsuits, critics of the ruling said.

Wikipedia founder Jimmy Wales, who has been an outspoken critic of the ruling, summarized it for The Associated Press as a "technologically incompetent violation of human rights." He said it amounts to censorship, and he predicted it will ultimately be scrapped.

"The danger is that search engines now are faced with an uncertain legal future which may require them to censor all kinds

of things when someone thinks it is 'irrelevant'," Wales said.

In the wake of the decision, some Europeans are already asking to clean up their online history, though there may not yet have been a "flood" of hundreds of requests, including some from pedophiles and politicians, as was reported in the British press shortly after the ruling was handed down.

In Britain, David Murphy of the Information Commissioner's Office said "while we've had some people get in touch around this issue, we're simply telling them to speak to Google." Officials in the Netherlands said they haven't had any new requests since the ruling.

Caspar, the German official, said his office has received 20 new requests, including some from people who won legal fights with websites to have material taken down — but the sites didn't comply because they were based abroad.

Differences between the U.S. and Europe over privacy have never been greater, sparked by revelations in documents leaked to the media by former National Security Agency contractor Edward Snowden that the NSA secretly broke into communications on Yahoo and Google abroad and targeted overseas telecoms, including German Chancellor Angela Merkel's own cellphone. □

## Workers in tech case likely to get average of \$4K

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AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Nearly 60,000 high-tech workers are likely to receive an average of \$4,000 apiece in a settlement of a class-action lawsuit alleging Apple and Google conspired in an illegal cartel of Silicon Valley employers that secretly refused to recruit each other's engineers.

The estimate is based upon an analysis of court documents in the case, including the terms of a \$324.5 million settlement outlined for the

first time in a filing made late Thursday. The final amounts paid to each of the eligible workers will vary depending on their salaries during the four-year period covered by the lawsuit.

A federal judge still must approve the settlement, which is already facing resistance from one of the workers representing the entire class. A hearing on the settlement is scheduled for June 19 in a San Jose, California, federal court.

The \$324.5 million settlement will be paid by Apple Inc., Google Inc. and two

other Silicon Valley companies, Intel Corp. and Adobe Systems Inc., accused of colluding to corral their top technology workers.

The 3-year-old lawsuit, triggered by an earlier U.S. Department of Justice investigation, uncovered evidence that former Apple CEO Steve Jobs, former Google CEO Eric Schmidt and top executives from the other companies in the case had reached "no-poaching" pacts prohibiting each other from trying to lure away each other's top workers with offers of

higher-paying jobs.

Three other companies, Intuit Inc., Pixar Animation and Lucasfilm, named in the lawsuit reached a separate \$20 million settlement that already has been approved by U.S. District Judge Lucy Koh. Intuit paid \$11 million of that settlement, with Pixar and Lucasfilm — both now owned by Walt Disney Co. — covering the remainder.

No breakdown has been provided yet how Apple, Google, Intel and Adobe will divvy up the \$324.5 million bill for their settlement.

The lawsuit depicted Apple and Google as the ring-leaders of the alleged misconduct. The settlement represents a pittance for Apple and Google, which held a combined \$210 billion in their bank accounts through March.

It is also a fraction of the \$3 billion that the class-action attorneys had been seeking in the case. Because the complaint raised anti-trust violations, the damages could have been tripled to \$9 billion had the companies been found liable in a trial. □



**Sommer Column:**

# Maybe There's Life in the Old Bull Yet

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Worried about the stock market? There's no shortage of reasons to fret.

Weak economic data, lackluster earnings reports and a severe correction in the Internet and biotech sectors have shaken many investors.

Yet none of that fazes Laszlo Birinyi. The gloom that has descended over the market recently is for him a source of good cheer.

Why?

"We're in the last stage of a great bull market," he said in a phone conversation last week. "It's the exuberant phase."

Yet investors aren't acting all that exuberantly, which is a good thing, he says, because the long rally underway since early 2009 is likely to end only after the party becomes dangerously wild. From that perspective, a dose of sobriety is salutary, a good sign. It suggests that the bull market has plenty of room to run.

"Most of what passes for news about the market is really noise," he said. "You need to stop and think and do your research. When you look deeper, you see a different picture."

What he sees is a largely benign environment for stocks - a generally happy picture that he has painted, with relatively minor alterations, since he became one of the first prominent strategists to recognize that a major bull market started more than four years ago. Birinyi, 70, is a veteran market hand: He headed equity market analysis for the old Salomon Bros. brokerage firm, where he worked with Michael R. Bloomberg, the former New York mayor, and Michael Lewis, the author, most recently, of "Flash Boys" (Norton), a critique of high-frequency trading in the stock market. Birinyi now runs his own independent money management and research firm in Westport, Connecticut, Birinyi Associates. He recently published a book,

"The Master Trader" (Wiley), in which he levels a critique similar to that of Lewis, although he quibbles with Lewis' characterization of the market as "rigged."

"I'd put it another way," he said.

Opaque electronic trading has made it much harder to track money flows in the market, he said, and to trade with precision at certain moments, particularly at the market opening.

you'd expect that some things would change."

In this sense, he says, some of the apparent bad news of the past few months should be re-evaluated. Much of it is actually positive, he says. For example, after many warnings that biotech and Internet stocks appeared to be reaching irrational levels, those two sectors have deflated, falling more than 15 percent since their peaks earlier this

tech problems, and that's important," Birinyi said.

Investors are differentiating among individual stocks and sectors, and shares of many of the biggest companies remain buoyant. Stocks like Oracle, Intel and Apple have all gained in value this year. Because Apple has the largest market cap of any stock, it has an outsize influence on major indexes like the S&P 500; its strong recent perfor-

shrugs off the feeble first quarter for the gross domestic product. It rose only 0.1 percent, inflation-adjusted, in the latest government estimate, and may well drop into negative territory when the data is updated Thursday.

But he points out that GDP estimates are notoriously unreliable - they sometimes change significantly years later.

While recent data for the second quarter appears stronger, he prefers to look at the stock market itself for clues about the economy. Shares of Caterpillar, the heavy-equipment maker, have been strong, signaling that investors believe that robust industrial growth is coming, he said. Similarly, he said, NVR, a home-building stock, has risen smartly.

"That tells me that the market is very comfortable with the housing sector," he said.

The persistence of low interest rates has surprised him.

"We didn't expect that at the beginning of the year," he said.

The implications of this for stocks are complex but generally positive: Low rates may aid a continuing stock-market rally because they make stocks more attractive in a bake-off with bonds.

Because the market has already risen so much, the biggest gains are probably behind us, he says, and his own short-term projections have been careful: He predicted that the S&P 500 would reach 1,900 in this quarter, and it has. Barring a catastrophe (an unexpected war, for example) it seems most likely to him that the market's momentum will continue to trend upward.

That's why, from his perspective, what others are calling bad news is actually good. It's dampening the exuberant spirit that may one day stop the bull market in its tracks.

But, he says, we're not there yet.



**To Laszlo Birinyi, the veteran strategist, the stock market has entered the last stage of a great bull market and its recent sobriety may well be a sign of good things to come.**

(Minh Uong/The New York Times)

That, he said, tilts the odds so they are "badly skewed against the individual trader." Like Lewis, Birinyi says regulators need to be more vigilant in protecting the public interest.

Still, he observes that ordinary investors who have stayed in the market since March 2009 have generally reaped enormous profits, amid many worries along the way.

That upward trend is likely to persist, he says, along with the worrying.

"The conditions for a bull market remain intact," he said. "But we're in an advanced stage now, and

year. Valuations in these areas had gotten out of whack, and it's only reasonable that they have fallen, in his view.

But the rout hasn't spread to the overall market. The Standard & Poor's 500-stock index, which tracks the large-capitalization stocks that comprise the bulk of most portfolios, is clinging to positive returns for the year and has continued to set nominal records, most recently May 13. (Adjusted for inflation, however, the index is still about 7 percent below its 2000 peak.)

"The overall market is shrugging off the tech and bio-

mance is far more important for the great majority of investors than that of numerous smaller tech stocks combined.

The earnings and economic data shouldn't be a source of worry now, either - at least not the way he sees things. Analysts have complained about an impending sharp decline in corporate earnings for the last few years, only to be proved wrong, and, he said, so long as the economy stays reasonably strong, earnings will be robust enough to drive the stock market.

As for the economy, he



## Book publishers feel Amazon flex its huge muscles

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Amazon's power over the publishing and bookselling industries is unrivaled in the modern era. Now it has started wielding its might in a more brazen way than ever before.

Seeking ever-higher payments from publishers to bolster its anemic bottom line, Amazon is holding books and authors hostage on two continents by delaying shipments and raising prices. The literary community is fearful and outraged - and practically begging for government intervention.

"How is this not extortion? You know, the thing that is illegal when the Mafia does it," asked Dennis Loy Johnson of Melville House, echoing remarks being made across social media. Amazon is, as usual, staying mum. "We talk when we have something to say," Jeffrey P. Bezos, the founder and chief executive, said at the company's annual meeting late last week.

The battle is being waged largely over physical books. In the United States, Amazon has been discouraging customers from buying titles from Hachette, the fourth-largest publisher by market share. Late Thursday, it escalated the dispute by making it impossible to order Hachette titles being issued this summer and fall. It is using some of the same tactics against the Bonnier Media Group in Germany.

But the real prize is control of e-books, the future of publishing.

Publishers tried to rein in Amazon once, and got slapped with a federal antitrust suit for their efforts. Amazon was not directly a party to the case but has reaped the rewards in increased market power. Now it wants to increase its share of the digital proceeds. The publishers, weighing a slide into irrelevance if not nonexistence, are trying to hold the line.

## Wealth Matters:

# Never Mind Stocks, Just Buy the Company

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After years of litigation against the side of his family that controlled his grandfather's coffee business, Steven D. Crowe woke up on New Year's Day 2004 with a lot of money in the bank - \$111 million, according to reports at the time. Having developed and managed real estate for decades, he said he knew little about

ment buildings in Texas.

"I felt it was a far safer investment," he said. "Why should I worry about the stock market? It's affected by psychology."

A growing number of people, wealthy and less so, are investing directly in companies, projects or private equity funds instead of buying stocks and bonds on the open markets.

Ward S. McNally, managing

vestment, as opposed to 17 percent who preferred to be more passive.

According to Tiger 21, a membership organization of 250 people who have at least \$10 million to invest, the shift toward allocating money to private equity has been substantial since the financial crisis. Their members had 9 percent of their money in private equity at the start of 2008; it is

Charles Buckley, managing director and head of UBS' global family office. "I hope everyone is looking at the balance between liquidity and illiquidity."

In Crowe's case, the other half of his family's money is in equities and high-yield corporate bonds.

Buckley said many wealthy families were fed up with traditional private equity funds because of the high management fees and percentage of profits they take.

Yet while their preference to invest alone or in groups may save them fees, it may not earn them the returns they expect.

"With some of these things, if you're wrong you may not be proven wrong for five years," he said. "These things take a long time to play out."

Most individuals also fall prey to investing in ideas that land in their lap. McNally said his study found that 85 percent of people were brought deals from family and friends. And 48 percent of them look at fewer than 50 deals before investing.

This may be the biggest disadvantage faced by wealthy individuals who invest in private deals on their own, in comparison to large private equity firms, which pass on hundreds of investments before making one.

Speaking at UBS' global family office forum in New York this week, Hamilton E. James, who is known as Tony and is the president of the Blackstone Group, one of the most successful private equity firms in the world, discussed the advantages that a firm like his had over individuals.

"Our size gives us a massive, consistent advantage that drives consistently high returns," he said, before listing several multibillion-dollar deals the firm was able to do because of its size, like the \$39 billion acquisition of offices from Sam Zell. "What we do is buy it, fix it and sell it," James said. "If we just buy it, we won't make any money."



From left: Ward McNally, managing partner of McNally Capital, Thomas Salentine, president of Bindley Capital Partners, and Hans Mende, president of AMCI Holdings, at a presentation to wealthy families about investing instruments to increase their wealth, in New York, May 20, 2014. Directly investing in companies or private equity funds carries plenty of risks, but the rewards can be substantial.

(Ozler Muhammad/The New York Times)

the stock market, so he invested the money broadly for his mother and sister and his own family.

He was content with the returns of a balanced portfolio until the point in the financial crisis when 30 percent of his family's fortune was gone. That experience changed how Crowe looked at investing, but not in an expected way.

"In 2010, I figured this could happen again and it could be not as bad or it could be worse," said Crowe, who was living in Los Angeles where his grandfather's company, Farmer Bros., was based. "I harkened back to owning apartment buildings. I never worried about economic cycles." Today, Crowe has half of his family's money in a fund that owns four large apart-

partner of McNally Capital, which advises wealthy families on private equity investments, said that in a study of families with \$500 million to \$25 billion, which it will release next month, the firm found that 79 percent of them had made direct investments. That is up from 59 percent in 2010, when McNally Capital conducted a similar survey. In direct investments, the investor buys a portion, if not all, of a private company with the expectation of receiving income from it or selling it at a profit one day. "Families have come to the conclusion that if they want to generate real wealth, they have to make direct investments," he said. He added that 49 percent of respondents wanted to have control over their in-

now 20 percent.

"After 2008 many of our members became more concerned about the public markets, which seemed more like a casino than a true weighing machine of a company's value," said Michael Sonnenfeldt, founder of Tiger 21. "Private equity is where long-term value has been built."

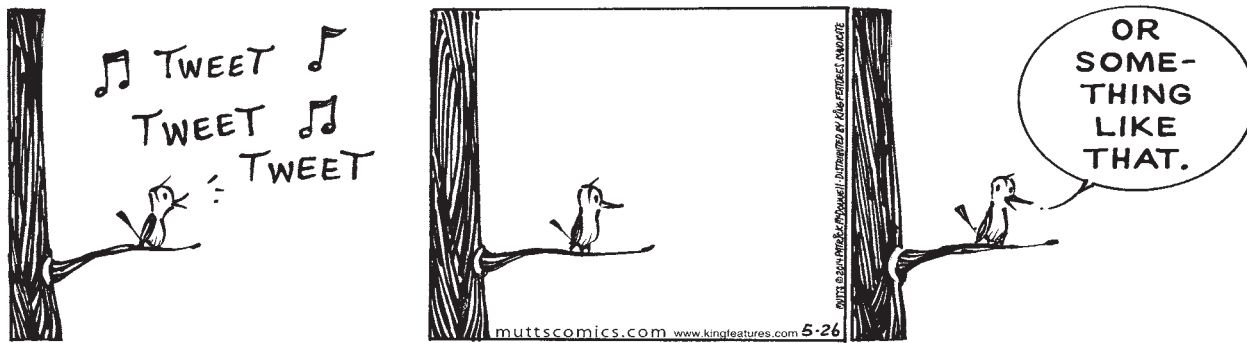
A desire for control and a distrust of Wall Street are not uncommon sentiments today. But investing directly in companies or private equity funds is no free pass to riches. It carries plenty of risks that may be easy for even the wealthiest families to overlook.

Investing too much in any asset class is never a great idea.

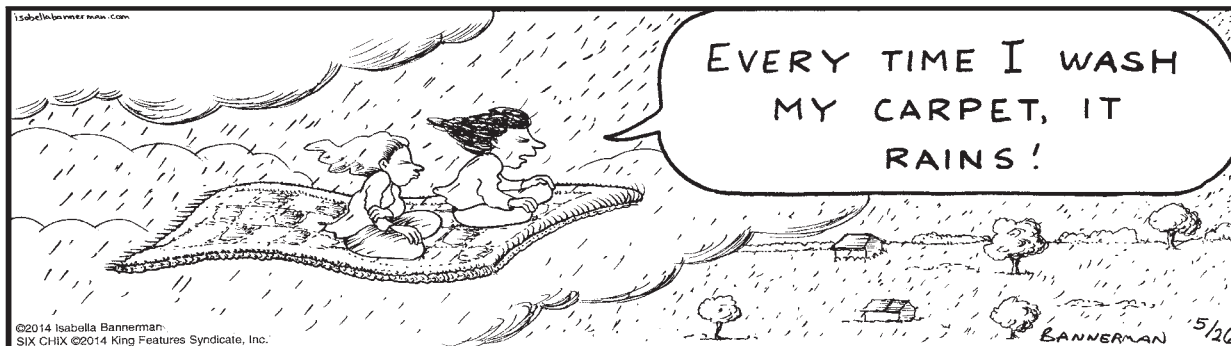
"Invariably the pendulum always swings too far," said



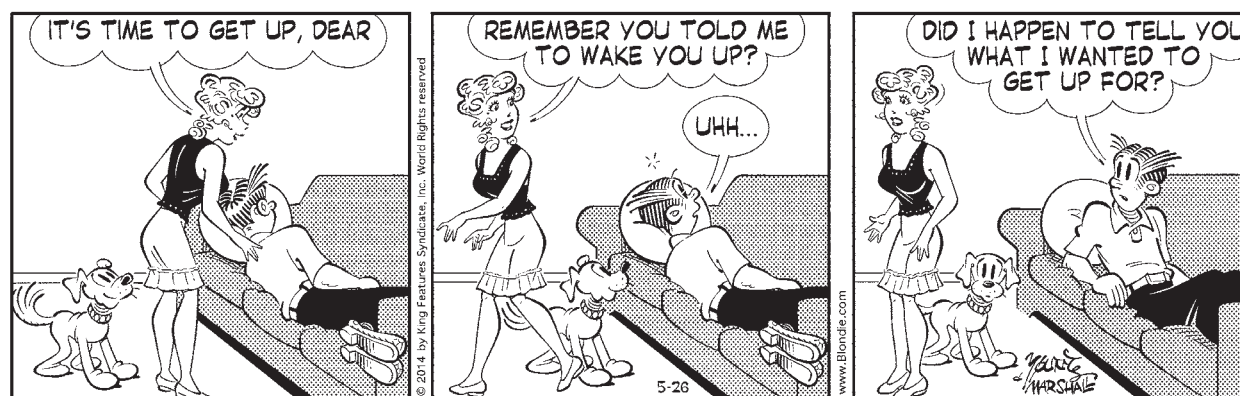
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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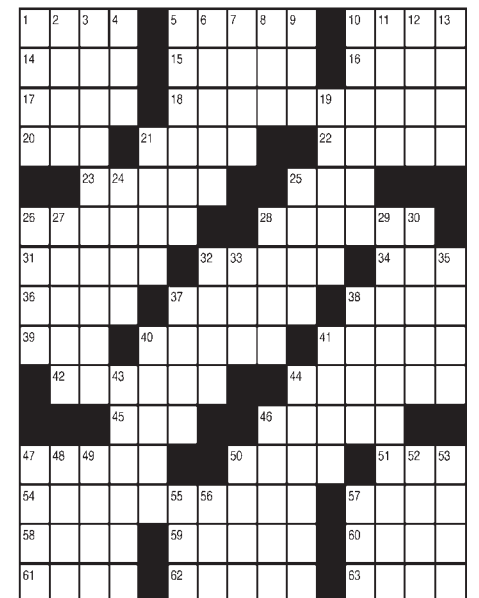
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**ACROSS**

- Did the breaststroke
- Look smugly at one's defeated opponent
- Let fall
- Broad
- Baton \_\_, LA
- Wander; roam
- Element whose symbol is Fe
- Frequently
- Become firm
- "Phooey!"
- On the ball
- Black wood
- Everybody
- Grade school compositions
- Pie bottoms
- Cavett & Clark
- Sheets of floating ice
- Traitor
- Delight
- Cuddly-looking marsupial
- Scrabble piece
- Hither and \_\_; in many places
- Measuring instrument
- Use a razor
- Leisurely walk
- Huge horned animals, for short
- In \_\_; amazed
- Taking to court
- Contempt
- Turn over
- Letters before a ship's name
- Walker
- Helpful hint
- Finds a sum
- Use foolishly
- Healthy
- Home of twigs
- \_\_ for; chose
- Annoys

**DOWN**

- Gulp of a drink
- Telegram
- Teenager
- Guys



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**Saturday's Puzzle Solved**

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# Sweets makers work to keep names off e-cigarettes

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**RICHMOND, Virginia (AP)** — Owners of brands geared toward children of all ages are battling to keep notable names like Thin Mint, Tootsie Roll and Cinnamon Toast Crunch off the flavored nicotine used in electronic cigarettes. General Mills Inc., the Girl Scouts of the USA and Tootsie Roll Industries Inc. are among several companies that have sent cease-and-desist letters to makers of the liquid nicotine demanding they stop using the brands and may take further legal action if necessary.

They want to make sure their brands aren't being used to sell an addictive drug or make it appealing to children.

The actions highlight the debate about the array of flavors available for the battery-powered devices that heat a liquid nicotine solution, creating vapor that users inhale.

The Food and Drug Administration last month proposed regulating electronic cigarettes but didn't immediately ban fruit or candy flavors, which are barred for use in regular cigarettes because of the worry that the flavors are used to appeal to children. It's growing pains for the industry that reached nearly \$2 billion in sales last year in the face of looming regulation.

E-cigarette users say the devices address both the addictive and behavioral aspects of smoking without the thousands of chemicals found in regular cigarettes. There are about 1,500 e-liquid makers in the U.S. and countless others abroad selling vials of nicotine from traditional tobacco to cherry cola on the Internet and in retail stores, often featuring photos of the popular treats. Using a brand name like Thin Mint or Fireball conjures up a very specific flavor in buyers' minds, in a way that just "mint chocolate" or "cinnamon" doesn't. "Using the Thin Mint name — which is synonymous with Girl Scouts and every-



An electronic cigarette is demonstrated in Chicago. Some makers of the liquid nicotine used in electronic cigarettes are using notable brand names like Thin Mint, Tootsie Roll and Cinnamon Toast Crunch to sell their wares. Now the owners of those trademarks are fighting back to make sure their brands aren't being used to sell an addictive drug or being marketed to children.

(AP Photo/Nam Y. Huh)

thing we do to enrich the lives of girls — to market e-cigarettes to youth is deceitful and shameless," Girl Scouts spokeswoman Kelly Parisi said in a statement. Thin Mints are one type of cookie sold by Girl Scouts to fund their organization. The issue of illegally using well-known brands on e-cigarette products isn't new for some.

For a couple of years, cigarette makers R.J. Reynolds Tobacco and Philip Morris USA have fought legal battles with websites selling e-cigarette liquid capitalizing on their Camel and Marlboro brand names and imagery. The companies have since released their own e-cigarettes but without using their top-selling brand names.

"It's the age-old problem with an emerging market," said Linc Williams, board member of the American E-liquid Manufacturing Standards Association and an executive at NicVape Inc., which produces liquid nicotine.

"As companies goes through their maturity process of going from being a wild entrepreneur to starting to establish real corporate ethics and product stewardship, it's something that we're going to continue to see."

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# More whales being hit by ships along U.S. East Coast

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A cruise ship heading for New York this month struck and killed a whale and dragged it into the Hudson River, part of a higher-than-usual rate of strikes along the Eastern Seaboard for this time of year, a federal agency said.

There were three recent whale strikes recently, including one in which a cruise ship hit a sei whale and did not discover it until it reached port, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said.

In a similar case, a sei whale was found dead and attached to a container ship that was docking near Philadelphia, NOAA said.

The whales may be following food sources closer to shore, NOAA said. An increased food supply has recently been cited for a large increase in the number of humpback whales off Massachusetts.

The agency issued a reminder to mariners of measures already in place to protect whales, including speed limits and distances.

"Nobody wants to hit a whale," said Marjorie Mooney-Seus, a spokeswoman. "So we want people to have a greater awareness that they're out there now."



In this April 16, 2014 file photo, a deceased 55-foot long finback whale sits on a dry dock in Jersey City, N.Y., after it was pulled out of the water.

The usual rate of whale strikes by ships is about one every few weeks, she said, compared with the three in the past few weeks.

NOAA said it counted 28 whale strikes in Northeastern waters between 2006 and 2010. Worldwide, a National Marine Fisheries Service survey covering 1975 through 2002 found 292 records of confirmed or possible ship strikes to

large whales.

Rob DiGiovanni, who heads a marine mammal rescue group on Long Island, said he's seeing "more evidence of ship strikes and that's definitely a concern." In the past, his Riverhead Foundation for Marine Research and Preservation would go a couple of years without seeing a large whale that had been hit by a ship.

"Now we get a couple a year," he said.

The New York cruise ship incident was discovered May 4, the Philadelphia case on May 7, Mooney-Seus said. She did not have details about the third recent strike except

that it involved a fin whale; NOAA is investigating.

A necropsy on the New York whale found it was killed by blunt force, confirming that it was killed by the ship, Mooney-Seus said. The other two whales were not retrieved.

NOAA said there have been no recent reported strikes of endangered North Atlantic right whales.

DiGiovanni said his group hopes to study whether the numbers are up because there are more whales, more ships or a change in a food source, as suggested by NOAA. In the coastal waters off Boston, large numbers of

a fish called the sea lance have turned the mouth of Massachusetts Bay into a "whale feeding ground," said Laura Howes of Boston Harbor Cruises.

Twenty to 30 whales are being spotted on every whale watching excursion, 10 times the usual number.

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# 'X-Men' dominates holiday box office with \$91M

JESSICA HERNDON

AP Film Writer

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — A team of mutants overpowered one massive mutant monster at the box office during the Memorial Day holiday.

Fox-Marvel's "X-Men: Days of Future Past" debuted with \$91 million to beat last weekend's No. 1 hit, the Warner Bros. science-fiction adventure "Godzilla," which earned \$31.4 million in its second weekend, according to studio estimates Sunday.

"Days of Future Past" is estimated to earn nearly \$110 million over the four-day extended holiday weekend, which would make it the fifth highest Memorial Day opener just after last year's \$117 million-grossing "Fast & Furious 6." "Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End" holds as the highest Memorial holiday debut ever with \$140 million in 2007.

It appears the attention "Days of Future Past" director Bryan Singer has received lately due a sexual

assault lawsuit didn't deter fans from flocking to the theater. The director dropped out of doing any press for the film following the allegations because he didn't want to divert attention from the movie.

"Rarely do outside situations impact the box office," said Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for box-office tracker Rentrak. "The true fans, all they care about is the movie."

"Days of Future Past" is the second-highest opener in the "X-Men" franchise after Brett Ratner's "X-Men: The Last Stand" debuted over Memorial Day weekend with \$123 million in 2006.

The film brings together a massive star-studded cast including Hugh Jackman, Jennifer Lawrence, Halle Berry, Michael Fassbender, James McAvoy, Patrick Stewart, Ian McKellen, Peter Dinklage and Ellen Page.

Globally, "Days of Future Past" opened No. 1 in 119 countries with \$262 million, the highest grossing open-



This image released by 20th Century Fox shows Michael Fassbender in "X-Men: Days of Future Past." Associated Press

ing weekend worldwide of the "X-Men" franchise and the biggest Fox International opening weekend ever.

"This is a franchise that started back in 2000, which predated the first 'Spider-Man' movie by two years so 'X-Men' started the renaissance in the world of big superhero movies," Dergarabedian said.

The Warner Bros. romantic comedy "Blended" debuted at No. 3 with a lackluster \$14.2 million. In the movie, Adam Sandler and Drew Barrymore team up for

the third time following "The Wedding Singer" and "50 First Dates."

Though Sandler's "Grown Ups 2" grossed \$247 million worldwide, his box office success has teetered over the years. His 2012 comedy "That's My Boy" earned only \$58 million globally, while his 2011 films, "Jack and Jill" and the Jennifer Aniston co-starring "Just Go With It" gained \$150 million and \$215 million worldwide, respectively. Universal's Seth Rogen and Zac Efron-starring lewd comedy "Neighbors" took in \$14 mil-

lion as it crosses the \$100 million mark domestically with \$114 million overall.

Sony's "The Amazing Spider-Man 2" rounds out the top five with \$8 million in its fourth weekend, while Disney's "Million Dollar Arm" followed close behind with a solid \$7.1 million in its second weekend.

Four comedies populated the top 10 with Fox's "The Other Woman" landing at No. 7 and Jon Favreau's "Chef," at No. 9, rounding out the bunch.

In 2013, Memorial Day weekend was the biggest grossing weekend of the year with \$314.2 million over the four-day holiday that saw "Fast & Furious 6," "The Hangover Part III" and the animated "Epic" debut.

"This year it will be more like \$230 million," said Dergarabedian, who notes that next year has a shot at being a record-breaking Memorial weekend due to the debut of Marvel's "Avengers" sequel "Avengers: Age of Ultron." □

# Tarantino calls digital 'the death of cinema'

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AP Film Writer

**CANNES, France (AP)** — When Quentin Tarantino won the Palme d'Or at the Cannes Film Festival in 1994 for "Pulp Fiction," he showered his cast with high-fives, bounced to the stage where jury president Clint Eastwood awaited, and promptly answered a heckler with a middle finger.

"Pulp Fiction" arrived in brash style in Cannes 20 years ago. On Friday, Tarantino returned to the scene of the crime. Among his many honors, he called his Palme d'Or "my single absolutely positively greatest achievement."

"Of all the trophies that I have won, it's the one that has the biggest place of honor inside of my house," said Tarantino. "It's the one I want another of some day before they turn out the lights."

Few films have ever sent the kind of shockwave "Pulp Fiction" did 20 years ago. While Tarantino granted that its revolutionary impact influenced movies for years, he said he was merely part of "a movement in the air" to upend the safer, lighter movies of the '80s.

But Tarantino, who was joined in Cannes by "Pulp Fiction" stars John Travolta and Uma Thurman, was more interested in talking about the present than the past.

"As far as I'm concerned, digital projection and DCPs is the death of cinema as I know it," said Tarantino, referring to digital cinema packages. "The fact that most films now are not presented in 35 millimeter means that the war is lost. Digital projections, that's just television in public. And apparently the whole world is OK with television

in public. But what I knew as cinema is dead."

Tarantino was in Cannes to screen "Pulp Fiction" in 35mm on the beach Friday night, as well as to introduce a 50th anniversary screening of Sergio Leone's "A Fistful of Dollars," which will close the festival Saturday night. He called "A Fistful of Dollars" not only the birth of the Spaghetti Western, but "the birth of genre action cinema" for fusing its action with its prominent Ennio Morricone score.

The writer-director also commented on several projects. He said that after hosting a live-read of his script "Hatefield Eight" in April, he's reconsidering his proclamation that he would never make it following its leak online. Tarantino filed a lawsuit against Gawker Media over the leak.

"We'll see. I'm still writing



John Travolta, Uma Thurman and Quentin Tarantino pose together ahead of the beach screening of Pulp Fiction at Miramax's 20th Anniversary celebration of the film at Majestic Beach in Cannes, southern France, during the 67th international film festival, Friday, May 23, 2014.

Associated Press

the script right now," he said. "I have calmed down a bit. The knife-in-the-back wound has started to scab."

He added: "Maybe I'll shoot it. Maybe I'll publish it. Maybe I'll do it on the stage because I realized it could work very well. Maybe I'll do all three, but we'll find out."

Tarantino also said he has some 90 minutes of unused footage from his revenge Western "Django Un-

chained" that he's considering using, along with the released movie, to create a four-hour miniseries for television.

Unlike many directors, Tarantino said that he loves to re-watch his films (he does anytime he catches them on TV) and feels sorry for filmmakers who don't get such pleasure out of their own work.

"I've always made my movies for me, anyway," said Tarantino, grinning. □



## Walters gives archives to alma mater Sarah Lawrence College



In this May 15, 2014 photo provided by ABC, Barbara Walters speaks during a taping of her final co-host appearance on "The View," in New York.

Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Barbara Walters is giving a trove of tapes, papers and photos from her five decades in journalism to Sarah Lawrence

College, her alma mater.

Walters made the announcement in a surprise appearance at the suburban New York college's commencement Friday.

The Journal News says she told the graduates that her career benefited from going to what she called "a college where I was not afraid to ask questions."

College President Karen Lawrence says in a statement that the school is thrilled by the gift. Walters retired from daily television this month. Her final episode of "The View" aired May 16. She remains an executive producer of the show. CNN host Fareed Zakaria gave Friday's commencement address, joking that Walters' surprise was a tough act to follow. □

## Emma Watson graduates from Brown University

**PROVIDENCE, Rhode Island (AP)** — It's graduation day for movie star Emma Watson.

The British actress best known as Hermione Granger in the "Harry Potter" movies was among 2,000 graduates receiving degrees Sunday from Brown University. She tweeted a photo of herself in cap and gown.

Watson graduated with a bachelor's degree in English literature from the Ivy League university in Rhode Island.

The 24-year-old started at Brown in 2009, the same year she was named the highest-grossing actress of the decade by the Guinness Book of World Records. Watson had a busy film career during her time as a student, releasing both parts of "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows," "The Perks of Being a Wallflower," "This is the End," and the recent Biblical epic "Noah." □



Actress Emma Watson, right, attends commencement services on the campus of Brown University, Sunday, May 25, 2014, in Providence, R.I. Associated Press

## Pin-up photographer Bunny Yeager dies at 85

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Associated Press

**MIAMI BEACH, Florida (AP)** — Bunny Yeager, a model turned pin-up photographer who helped jump-start the career of the then-unknown Bettie Page, died Sunday, her agent said. She was 85 years old.

Yeager died at a North Miami hospice where she had been for about a week, her agent, Ed Christin said.

Yeager's legacy is her cultural impact, from pin-up photography and fashion, helping to popularize the bikini, and influencing other artists such as Cindy Sherman, who read Yeager's guides on photographing nudes and making self-portraits, Christin said.

"Anyone in Miami in the 1950s who wanted a bikini would come to her, and she'd make one," he



In this April 23, 2013 file photo, photographer Bunny Yeager poses next to a self portrait photograph taken in 1952 at the Bunny Yeager Studio in Miami. Associated Press

said.

Yeager became famous for making everyday women, from stay-at-home mothers to airline attendants, feel comfortable enough to bare it all. Her photos of Page in a leopard-print bathing suit standing next to a real cheetah are still well-known today.

"They all wanted to mod-

el for me because they knew that I wouldn't take advantage of them," Yeager told The Associated Press during a 2013 interview. "And I wouldn't push them to do nude if they didn't want to do nudes. It wasn't a day when nude photography was prevalent."

Linnea Eleanor Yeager was born in Wilksburg,

Pennsylvania, on March 13, 1929, and in the 1940s became one of the most photographed models in Miami during her early career. She later turned the camera on herself, posing in bathing suits she handmade for her 5-foot-9 (1.75-meter) frame. Her self-portraits were turned into a book, "How I Photograph Myself," in 1964. She began taking photos of Page in 1954 as she began her career behind the camera.

She published about a dozen books and her work has been displayed in art galleries across the world. Besides the iconic Page photo, Yeager also shot stills of the Swedish actress Ursula Andress, who starred in the 1962 James Bond film "Dr. No" in a white bikini, a knife sheathed at her side.

Yeager said she had few requests when several magazines began

to struggle or went out of business over the last decade, but her career returned to the spotlight in 2010 when the Warhol Museum in Pittsburgh held an exhibition of her work. There was also an exhibition in Miami in 2013.

"And I still get that little tingle when I see the photos on the wall," she said of the latter-day attention. In her studio, Yeager kept a stash of photos no one had seen in cabinets. They will be included in a new book Yeager was finishing, scheduled for publication in September, celebrating the 60th anniversary of Yeager's first photo shoots with Page, Christin said.

"I'm still feeling like a little child and excited over everything new that comes along in my life," Yeager said in 2013. "I don't know where it will lead to yet, but it sounds good to me." □



## Dinner Party Politics



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What do you think the election results mean?

The ones on Tuesday. They had primaries all over the place. Stop squirming. Sometime soon, you'll be sitting at a dinner party and someone will say, "So, who's going to take control of the Senate in November?" And you will be so grateful that we had this conversation. For instance, the Senate minority leader, Mitch McConnell, won renomination by beating the Tea Party in Kentucky. He totally clobbered a wealthy businessman named Matt Bevin. This was either because of McConnell's exceptional popularity or the fact that Bevin was the worst candidate anywhere in the current election season.

All right, possibly not as bad as the guy in Idaho who showed up for the gubernatorial debate in a leather biker jacket. But Bevin did campaign at a pro-cockfighting rally, which is something I don't think we've seen before. Then he defended himself by arguing that both cockfighting and dogfighting were pastimes in which the Founding Fathers were "very actively involved."

Yeah, blame it all on John Adams.

So, a good day for McConnell. Except that his total share of the vote against Bevin and an assortment of even more pathetic Republican challengers was 60 percent. And, as Eric Ostermeier of the University of Minnesota pointed out, that's the lowest primary margin for an incumbent Kentucky senator since 1938 when Alben Barkley did not have the advantage of an opponent who was linked to fighting roosters.

McConnell now faces Democrat Alison Grimes. It's supposed to be one of the big contests this fall, and when it comes up at the dinner table you will be able to provide all of this colorful background.

The Tea Party had a terrible week! The Republican establishment is euphoric because it managed to beat back a raft of crazy right-wing candidates and nominate a raft of boring right-wing candidates all around the country.

For instance in Georgia, the guys who were supposed to be the Tea Party favorites for the Republican Senate nomination, Reps. Paul Broun and Phil Gingrey, were destroyed. Perhaps this was because Broun once called the theory of evolution "lies straight

from the pit of hell" and Gingrey said that former Senate candidate Todd Akin was "partly right" about his theory that a woman can't get pregnant when she's raped.

Or, perhaps this was because the two top finishers, David Perdue and Rep. Jack Kingston, spent a lot more money. After all, Kingston - who we first met when he made headlines by arguing that poor students should be required to do janitorial work to pay for their subsidized lunches - doesn't believe in evolution either.

Perdue is a wealthy businessman whose cousin used to be governor. You may remember him as the candidate who criticized one of his opponents for never having gone to college. ("I mean, there's a high school graduate in this race, OK? I'm sorry, but these issues are so much broader, so complex.") He frequently suggests that he has thoughts so deep, only another wealthy businessman could appreciate them. ("There are five people in the U.S. Senate who understand what I just said.")

Perdue and Kingston are going to have nine more weeks to fight it out, so this is something you can bring up over a barbecue on the Fourth of July if conversation really starts to flag. (Remember, pompous business guy versus congressman who wants to make third-graders sweep the floors.) The winner will go up against Michelle Nunn, the daughter of former Sen. Sam Nunn.

Georgia and Kentucky are the only Republican Senate seats the Democrats feel they have a chance of winning. If the tottering Tea Party was one theme this week, women were definitely another.

"On the Senate side, you've got women in some really key races," said Debbie Walsh of the Center for American Women and Politics. On the gubernatorial side, however, things were a little dimmer. Rep. Allyson Schwartz lost the Democratic nomination in Pennsylvania, which she was once favored to win. Schwartz even failed to get 20 percent of the vote, which would at least have made her the most successful Democratic female gubernatorial candidate in the history of her state. Also, Walsh pointed out, Pennsylvania will now be "another state with no women in their congressional delegation."

Pennsylvania, I'm sorry. This looks terrible. Get your act together. Schwartz lost to a businessman named Tom Wolf, who ran some compelling ads featuring his family joking about Wolf's affection for his old stick-shift jeep. Do you remember the time Scott Brown beat Martha Coakley for the Senate in Massachusetts with an ad about his truck? Do you think lack of interest in banged-up motor vehicles is a problem for women in American politics? Or could it just be that Wolf spent \$10 million of his own money? So much to talk about over dinner. And only 167 more dinners until the election. □



## Midlife Crisis of the Eurocrats



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A century ago, Europe tore itself apart in what was, for a time, known as the Great War - four years of death and destruction on an unprecedented scale. Later, of course, the conflict was renamed World War I - because a quarter-century later Europe did it all over again.

But that was a long time ago. It's hard to imagine war in today's Europe, which has coalesced around democratic values and even taken its first steps toward political union.

Indeed, as I write this, elections are being held all across Europe, not to choose national governments, but to select members of the European Parliament. To be sure, the Parliament has very limited powers, but its mere existence is a triumph for the European idea.

But here's the thing: An alarmingly high fraction of the vote is expected to go to right-wing extremists hostile to the very values that made the election possible. Put it this way: Some of the biggest winners in Europe's election will probably be people taking Vladimir Putin's side in the Ukraine crisis.

The truth is that the European project - peace guaranteed by democracy and prosperity - is in deep trouble; the Continent still has peace, but it's falling short on prosperity and, in a subtler way, democracy. And, if Europe stumbles, it will be a very bad

thing not just for Europe itself but for the world as a whole.

Why is Europe in trouble?

The immediate problem is poor economic performance. The euro, Europe's common currency, was supposed to be the culminating step in the Continent's economic integration. Instead, it turned into a trap. First, it created a dangerous complacency, as investors funneled huge amounts of cash into southern Europe, heedless of risk. Then, when the boom turned to bust, debtor countries found themselves shackled, unable to regain lost competitiveness without years of depression-level unemployment. The inherent problems of the euro have been aggravated by bad policy. European leaders insisted and continue to insist, in the teeth of the evidence, that the crisis is all about fiscal irresponsibility, and have imposed savage austerity that makes a terrible situation worse.

The good news, sort of, is that despite all these missteps the euro is still holding together, surprising many analysts - myself included - who thought it might well fall apart. Why this resilience? Part of the answer is that the European Central Bank has calmed markets by promising to do "whatever it takes" to save the euro, up to and including buying government bonds to keep interest rates from rising too far. Beyond that, however, the European elite remains deeply committed to the project, and, so far, no government has been willing to break ranks.

But the cost of this elite cohesion is a growing distance between governments and the governed. By closing ranks, the elite has in effect ensured that there are no moderate voices dissenting from policy orthodoxy.

And this lack of moderate dissent has empowered groups like the National Front in France, whose top candidate for the European Parliament denounces

a "technocratic elite serving the American and European financial oligarchy."

The bitter irony here is that Europe's elite isn't actually technocratic. The creation of the euro was about politics and ideology, not a response to careful economic analysis (which suggested from the beginning that Europe wasn't ready for a single currency). The same can be said of the turn to austerity: All the economic research supposedly justifying that turn has been discredited, but the policies haven't changed.

And the European elite's habit of disguising ideology as expertise, of pretending that what it wants to do is what must be done, has created a deficit of legitimacy. The elite's influence rests on the presumption of superior expertise; when those claims of expertise are proved hollow, it has nothing to fall back on.

So far, as I said, the elite has been able to hold things together. But we don't know how long this can last, and there are some very scary people waiting in the wings.

If we're lucky - and if officials at the European Central Bank, who are closer to being genuine technocrats than the rest of the elite, act boldly enough against the growing threat of deflation - we may see some real economic recovery over the next few years. This could, in turn, offer a breathing space, a chance to get the European project as a whole back on track.

But economic recovery by itself won't be enough; Europe's elite needs to recall what the project is really about. It's terrifying to see so many Europeans rejecting democratic values, but at least part of the blame rests with officials who seem more interested in price stability and fiscal probity than in democracy.

Modern Europe is built on a noble idea, but that idea needs more defenders. □



# Tempting the European Consumer with Ugly Fruit

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**LISBON, Portugal** - Isabel Soares went shopping for produce on a recent morning, carefully selecting her fruits and vegetables with a discriminating eye. She picked up some spinach whose leaves had turned an unappealing yellow. Then some tomatoes whose skin had been damaged by sunburn and insect bites. Finally, she set on some zucchini that had grown so large and deformed that they curved almost into a doughnut shape.

They were perfect for her. At a time of lingering economic hardship for many in the European Union, whose penchant for regulation has extended even to the shape, size and color of the foods its citizens eat, Soares has bet that there is a market for fruits and vegetables deemed too ugly by government bureaucrats, supermarkets and other retailers to sell to their customers.

Six months ago, she and a handful of volunteers started a cooperative called Fruta Feia, or Ugly Fruit, which, in its short life, is already verging on a kind of countercultural movement. It has taken off with hard-pressed consumers, won applause from advocates outraged by Europe's skyrocketing food waste, and provided a backhanded slap to overweening EU rule makers. In its own way, Fruta Feia has even quietly subverted fixed notions of what is beautiful, or at least edible.

"The EU norms are based on the mistaken idea that quality is about appearance," said Soares, 31, who formerly worked in Barcelona as a renewable energy consultant. "It's, of course, easier to measure the exterior aspect, rather than interior features like sugar levels, but that is the wrong way to determine quality." She said her goal was "to break the dictatorship of aesthetics, because it has really helped increase food wastage."

Europe wastes 89 million tons of food a year, ac-

cording to a study presented in May by the Dutch and Swedish governments, which called on the European Union "to reduce the amount of food waste caused by the labeling system."

For her part, Soares estimates that a third of Portugal's farming produce goes to waste because of

The commission is set to publish new recommendations in June to fight food waste. They will include proposals to improve sell-by date labeling, as well as channel more unwanted produce to food banks or animal feed.

João Barroso, an environmental scientist, said he supported any initiative

because we want to know who we help," she said.

Soares started her venture in November, after winning a \$20,000 prize from the Gulbenkian Foundation, which held an entrepreneurship competition for Portuguese living overseas. Since then, she said, Fruta Feia had built a waiting list of 1,000 customers. It

are greenhouses.

"In a greenhouse, it's a lot easier to control a tomato than in the open air," Dias said, "but that doesn't mean the taste gets better."

Of his annual production of about 2,000 pounds of tomatoes, Dias said a quarter do not meet Sonae's quality standards - cover-



**A member of Ugly Fruit, a cooperative that markets produce deemed below grade, collects her box of fruits and vegetables in Lisbon, Portugal. A countercultural reaction to standards set by grocers and European Union bureaucrats that result in significant wastage of food, Ugly Fruit has quickly taken off with hard-pressed consumers. (Patricia De Melo Moreira/The New York Times)**

the quality standards set by supermarkets and their consumers. She says the waste is also a striking example of misplaced regulatory intervention by the European Union, which has tried to unify food standards across the 28-nation bloc.

In fact, Europe's food rules, adopted as part of the 1992 completion of the EU single market, have long helped fuel anti-European sentiment, particularly in Britain, where tabloid newspapers ridiculed Brussels bureaucrats for supposedly trying to ban "bent bananas" or "curved cucumbers."

Faced with such criticism, the European Commission cut back six years ago its listing of marketing rules for fruits and vegetables to 10 from 36.

that reduced the control of large producers and retailers over European farming. "The EU has set standards and follows an agricultural policy that is focused on what the big players in the food supply chain want, even if that means an incredible amount of waste," Barroso said.

Soares said she could sell her food without contravening EU legislation because Europe's marketing rules apply only to food that is labeled or packaged, which is not the case with the produce that goes into her crates.

Even though Fruta Feia had been growing "exponentially," she said she would maintain a scale that allowed her to visit her producers regularly. "We want to work with local farmers

has sold 21 tons of food at two distribution centers in Lisbon. The association has 420 registered customers, who also pay a \$6.81 membership fee on top of the cost of their weekly food crate, which costs \$4.77 for a crate containing about eight pounds of fruits and vegetables.

At first, Soares said, she struggled to persuade farmers to sell her their unwanted food. "I think some suspected that I was an undercover sanitary inspector," she recalled.

Nowadays, however, she gets a warm embrace from Paulo Dias, who runs a family farm in Cambaia, about 45 miles from Lisbon, which supplies Sonae, one of Portugal's largest supermarket companies. The farm covers 18.5 acres, of which 10

ing color, size and skin texture - and are, therefore, dumped.

Fruta Feia buys the unwanted food at about half the price at which producers sell it to supermarkets. Dias said that "any extra income, of course, helps." But, he added, "It also makes me feel good to know my tomatoes aren't wasted and that people who perhaps have little money get to eat something that is just as good as if they could afford the supermarket."

José Manuel Santos, another farmer outside the town of Mafra, estimated that half of his spinach harvest would be thrown away this year because abrupt weather fluctuations had helped turn the leaves yellow. □